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U.S. Candidate for Congress Rick Renzi (left) pays a visit to Kayenta as part of the town's Fire truck celebration.
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A newly polished 'state of the art' Fire Truck sits ready to serve Kayenta and its surrounding areas with precision.

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TOH NANEES DIZI ECONOMIC SUMMIT

- A presentation on the topic of "Building National Pride."

by Gary Nelson

Tuba City, Az.- In a continuous effort to address the various issues of how to build a more sustainable economy throughout the Navajo Nation, this year's Economic Summit in Tuba City proved to effectively host such concepts and ideas. As the Navajo Nation struggles to stay afloat what appears to be a depleting economy, such Summit's are taking place to generate resolutions from the individual Communities and their leaders in an effort to combat the growing number of families fighting for the basic necessities of life. People are tired of the crooked bureaucracy of the Central



Government and a more stable Dine' Nation must be established. In conjunction with such pertinent issues, there exists the ongoing battle to obtain complete authority of our land so that we may utilize it for the development of our economy. Private ownership of the land must soon become a reality for our people.

As a result of the Summit and the momentum that has been exemplified in the other Summit's throughout the year, a new league will be formed comprised of the respected Chapters. This league will provide a VOICE for the

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people in demanding that the relationships between individual Council Delegates and their key counterparts at the Central Government improve their accountability regarding their activities on behalf of those of whom they serve. A catalyst that will require the lines of communication to be open on a greater scale.

Indeed, our people have become disenchanted with the status in which the Navajo Nation government has developed for themselves. As with every major trial or tribulation that man has faced, there is always a primary reason for the outcome; which resides at the core of the issue. In this case, the struggling economy of our Nation is what appears evident on the surface, but at the core there rests the attitude of the Navajo people which greatly attributes to the situation that we are currently experiencing.

Several years ago, on a flight home from a conference and trade show in Chicago, I had a chance to sit next to a Japanese man. Shortly after takeoff, we began to have a discussion. I explained what I did professionally and likewise he told about himself, that he owned several high tech manufacturing plants around the country. I marveled at his great success as a businessman. Then out of curiosity, I asked the man, "What do the Japanese People teach their youth that they excel in the many things they do to be on the same par as the White race?" He thought for a moment and said,

"We teach them **National Pride**, and that they are better than

anybody."

Having heard those words, I began to ponder "What is the basis of National Pride? How does an individual race of people obtain that state of self assurance and confidence in a global society?" Then I began to think about us, the Navajo People, whether we possessed any inkling or sense of National Pride? I thought, perhaps, on an individual or family basis there is some Navajo Pride, but as a Nation, I had my doubts. In order for National Pride to exist a nation would have a certain degree of economic independence and sovereignty that allows for its members to be successful in the things they do and to bring forth various goods and services with excellence. We lack these attributes.

Our Lamentable Situation:

Rather than basking in Navajo National Pride, we have a critical situation on our hands at this very day and time that we must resolve as soon as possible. Our nation is poor, we have been suffering from lack of jobs for many years and our economic environment is only getting worse. Why? Because, as a nation we have no private sector economy and we continue to rely only on the depleting mineral royalties from the coal, oil and gas leases on Navajo lands. Like being unable to find a warm blanket to endure a cold winter day, our leadership also have not provided a plan to assure the Navajo Nation's survival (in the wake of an approaching storm) when the mineral royalties (which amount to approximately \$40 million to \$50 millions per year) may disappear altogether in the next few years. Should that day come - what will the Navajo Nation do then? How are we

Doleel")? With this uncomfortable predicament looming overhead, how could one exert or display any attitude of National Pride. It would be difficult and almost impossible for a nation or government that is dependent on the mercy and goodwill of others for survival.

A Reluctant Navajo Nation & Federal Government:

Furthermore, the Navajo communities are still being denied the exercise of local empowerment and local governance authority by the parent Navajo Central Government. This is contrary to the Local Governance Act (LGA), a Navajo Nation law (enacted in 1998) that clearly states that the Navajo Chapter communities shall have authority to approve their own business and home site leases. Yet, after six years, the LGA law is not implemented. As testimony - although four chapters (Nahataa Dzil, Shonto, Steamboat and Newcomb) have been "certified" that they have the necessary five management system in place, they are still denied the benefit of the law and the enjoyment of local governance authority. They have yet to be allowed to approve a business lease of their own.

As for the Kayenta Township, the Township has enjoyed (to a greater extent) the benefits of local empowerment through its permanent "Home Rule" municipal status, but it still has a limitation. To date, the Township still lacks the delegation of authority from the Navajo Central Government and the BIA for approving final business site leases at the Town Commission level.

What Is It Going to Take?

What is it that prevents the Navajo Central Government and BIA from disbursing power and authority

The problems are and seem to be: (1) the Navajo Nation Code is still replete with old laws that maintain control of nearly all aspects of the Navajo People's existence by the Navajo central government; (2) there is a separation between the leadership in Window Rock and the local Chapter Governments, and (3) the leadership in Window Rock is reluctant to give power and authority back to the Navajo communities. If we are going to curtail the tribulations facing us - then it is imperative that the Navajo People, through their local governments, take the initiative to address the local empowerment issues that will help them deal with and resolve the economic difficulties. It is a sure thing - the Navajo Central Government and BIA will continue to retain the approval powers, unless we the Navajo People cause the Navajo Nation Code to be amended and the Navajo Nation Business Site Leasing Regulations to be corrected once and for all. Only then will the BIA be removed from the Navajo business site leasing process and only then will the Navajo communities begin to experience true successful local economic developments. Conversely, if we ignore this call to action, then the oncoming storms will overtake and engulf our nation - and that would be great injustice to future generations of Navajo People. We cannot let that happen! **Is History Being Repeated?**

Our quest for sovereignty and economic independence today is not the first time; it appears we faced a similar circumstance before as told in the Emergence Story of the ancient Dine People. How first man, first women, the coyote and others escaped from the fourth world

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A step-by-step look at the construction of the Kayenta Township's addition. The extended space is anticipated to seat a significant amount of guests for functions ranging from Town meetings to various professional conferences.

“EXTENSION EVERYONE! MAY WE HAVE YOUR EXTENSION, PLEASE!”

September 24, 2005 marks the day in which the new extension to Kayenta's current Town Hall commenced with the pouring of concrete. Construction Supervisor for the Township, Roger Zonnie, expressed great excitement over the fact that the added space will definitely encourage Kayenta's community to take part in local Town meetings on a more consistent basis.

The painful thought of attending a Township meeting in the available 20' x 20' existing seating space, will soon be an element of the past. The Township approved the budget of \$90,000 to add on approximately 2,500 SF of space with the capacity to seat up to 150 people or more.

The project fits under one of the Capital Improvement Projects

and although the Township has covered the cost out of pocket for now, the intent is to have the cost reimbursed when the GADA bond funds become available.

“Currently, the entire project is near completion just as scheduled,” emphasized Zonnie. Zonnie went on to explain the reason for a sudden halt in production.

“There is an additional 16' of concrete that we need to pour, but we're waiting on the specified materials needed to establish the plumbing for that area. We looked hard for the plumbing materials and finally found them at a materials store in Farmington, NM. Once we obtain them, we can set it in, then finish the pouring of concrete.”

When the extension is final the dimensions for the inside seating area will be 35'x55' with the stage

or speaking area located on the southside of the meeting hall. An exciting aspect of the new addition is that it will be wired, enabling differing telecommunication mediums to be utilized.

According to Zonnie total completion of the project will be in mid-November 2004.



KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION ELECTIONS : HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES.

(QUESTIONNAIRE KEY ACCORDING TO ALPHABET)

-ADDRESSED TO EXISTING COMMISSIONERS-

- A. What is your name?
- B. Where are you originally from and what are your clans?
- C. What is your educational background?
- D. How important do you think it is to express yourself in Navajo?
- E. What do you believe is the Mission Statement of the Kayenta Township Commission?
- F. What are the Strategic Goals & Objectives for the Kayenta Township Commission?
- G. What do you feel has been your greatest contribution to the community as a Commissioner?
- H. What is your philosophy on Commission leadership and service?
- I. What personal strengths will you bring to the Commission if re-elected, in order to address the various concerns throughout Kayenta?
- J. How do you plan to strengthen the Kayenta Township's relationship with the local Kayenta Chapter?
- K. What are your perceptions in terms of how relationships between the Kayenta Township, the Navajo Nation Government and the B.I.A. can be enhanced?
- L. How important is leadership through personal example to you?
- M. Why do you feel you should be re-elected as a Commissioner for the Kayenta Township and Community?
- N. What methods will you implement in order to increase the public's understanding and input regarding Township affairs?
- O. How essential are the youth of Kayenta in relation to Township affairs and what can be implemented to increase their involvement?
- P. What are your thoughts in terms of larger businesses or corporations desiring to establish their services in Kayenta?
- Q. What are your feelings relating to the local Sales Tax ordinance?
- R. In terms of building Kayenta's local economy, what opportunities are you familiar with that will bring such progress and development?
- S. What does Local Empowerment mean to you and how essential is it for Kayenta to obtain full authority in order to decide on critical issues such as Business Site Leasing?

A. EUGENE BADONIE

- B. I am originally from the beautiful country of Burnt Corn Valley of Pinon, Arizona.
- C. I have a Bachelor in Education from Northern Arizona University and 9 hours left toward a Masters Degree in Education Leadership.
- D. The Navajo language is important. Expressing yourself in Navajo fluently is more important.
- E. The KTC does not have a particular Mission Statement, yet it's chief mission is to represent the foundation of the Kayenta citizens in realizing their strong desire and capacity to determine their own destiny and attain self-sufficiency through the munipicle concept.
- F. There are a number of strategic goals and objectives for the Kayenta

Township Commission:

- a. Apply for certain available grants to help fund the infrastructure improvement and development.
- b. Apply for long term low interest loans to purchase mandatory equipment like the fire truck, waste truck, etc.
- c. Apply for community development grants and other financial resources available specifically for community projects.
- d. Continue to lobby the Congress and the Navajo Nation government for a more reliable business site leasing regulation. These are just a few examples of what kind of work is involved in achieving the goals and objectives currently underway.
- G. I have developed the KTC personnel policy and procedure, set

(QUESTIONNAIRE KEY ACCORDING TO ALPHABET)

-ADDRESSED TO NEW CANDIDATES-

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- B. Where are you originally from and what are your clans?
- C. What is your educational background?
- D. How important do you think it is to express yourself in Navajo?
- E. What do you believe is the Mission Statement of the Kayenta Township Commission?
- F. What do you think the Strategic Goals & Objectives should be for the Kayenta Township Commission?
- G. What is your philosophy on Commission leadership and service? Cite specifics of what you have done professionally to align yourself with the duties required of an effective Commissioner.
- H. What personal strengths will you bring to the Commission if elected, in order to address the various concerns throughout Kayenta?
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- M. What methods will you implement in order to increase the public's understanding and input regarding Township affairs?
- N. How essential are the youth of Kayenta in relation to Township affairs and what can be implemented to increase their involvement?
- O. What experiences do you have in working with the elements involved with local government such as the structure of the Kayenta Township?
- P. What are your thoughts in terms of larger businesses or corporations desiring to establish their services in Kayenta?
- Q. What are your feelings relating to the local Sales Tax ordinance?
- R. In terms of building a greater local economy, what opportunities are you familiar with that will bring such progress and development?
- S. What does Local Empowerment mean to you and how essential is it for Kayenta to obtain full authority in order to decide on critical issues such as Business Site Leasing?

parameters and guidelines surrounding the monetary contributions, demanded and allocated \$25,000.00 per fund year for building an incubator.

H. Leaders make the well-being of the people and it's the fundamental value of all decision making and actions.

I. I have been studying Educational Leadership which gives me the professional expertise which I can utilize for the people of Kayenta. I have also held several leadership roles in my personal life. Both of these experiences are something I can offer as a strength and as knowledge to further my role as Commissioner.

J. The relationship between the

chaos when I was first elected as a Commissioner. The two parties have tremendously improved their relationship in the last four years while I was in office. The trend can certainly continue.

K. It is important that the Kayenta Township continue to lead in changing some of the ageless status quo of ideas and blaze the trail to making all roads leading to Kayenta. The idea that the Navajo Nation government and the Federal Government knows best, must be challenged and changed to reflect modern progressive ideas without surrendering our culture.

L. Leading by example is a principle. It's a lighthouse where one can easily choose to follow or turn away from.

In order for all citizens to trust and follow, the leader must be accountable and that can only be achieved through personal example.

M. I believe I have been very instrumental in the last four years in bringing forth the idea of professionalism and the courage to taking a risk in the new ideal of a municipality.

N. The Newspaper is always the best source. We are currently entertaining the idea of bringing a radio station. When that becomes a reality, it will be a perfect method to increase the public awareness of what is going on in Kayenta and it would also help Kayenta and surrounding Chapters as well.

O. Some young teachers from the High School have been very innovative in the way they had been providing instruction to their students and that is commendable. The school, community, and the Township need to capitalize on this relationship. Township should also take the local Boys and Girls Club under their wing immediately.

P. Larger businesses are always great. It means employment for people and more buying power.

Q. I think it's great.

R. I am familiar with the fact that many local Navajos would like to operate a business but they are afraid of taking the risk and they also lack business knowledge. The Township should commit some funds to train local business people and guide them until they are able to sustain themselves.

S. Local Empowerment is the only way Kayenta will be able to help itself. Window Rock and Washington has failed the people of Kayenta all these years so when Local Empowerment was adopted, it gave an opportunity for Kayenta and other communities a chance to control their affairs.

A. HELEN BONNAHA

B. Crownpoint, NM.-Bit'aanii.

C. Went to School in Utah and attended 2 years at Northern Arizona University.

D. If you want to relate to the elders, they can understand your message if you speak Navajo.

E. A self-sustained community.

F. To be able to have a C.I.P Plan and also the ability to obtain the proper infrastructure such as Water & Sewage necessary.

G. To have been a part of the push to obtain permanent status for Kayenta from the Navajo Nation.

H. To be able to let Kayenta know that I am here to serve this community in its many needs the best I can. Also to contribute in building the pride of Kayenta, a place enjoyable to live in.

I. The personal perseverance to continue the building of this town.

J. Encourage the power of listening to the concerns expressed between both operating entities.

K. Continue to WORK at it. Old fashioned hard work, every day.

L. Extremely important. I've tried to show this in my work ethics with the Peabody (28 yrs.) and by engaging in local Health Board issues.

M. I'll let the community decide who they want.

N. Such is the reason for the extension of the Town Hall building. This will allow for greater involvement.

O. They are our future!

P. As long as it is in favor of our community.

Q. Good. It was crucial in allowing funds to operate our C.I.P's.

R. We promote hiring staff who can bring a greater expertise in developing ideas to implement standards for a stronger community.

S. It means the increase of businesses in Kayenta, because the B.I.A will no longer have the ability to halt the Business Site Leasing approval.

A. RICHARD MIKE

B. Blackwater, located 9 miles from Teec Nez Iah Trading Post down the Chinle wash. My clans are: Mother-Bitterwater, Father-Toh tsoi ni(Big Water), Maternal Grandmother-Many Goats, Paternal Grandmother-Maai des ghishnii(Jemez)

C. BS in Biological Science-Ft. Lewis College, MA in Elementary Education- NAU, ABD in Educational Administration- Ohio State University

D. Expressing yourself in Navajo before a Navajo public is very important. (Like Chapter House meeting). However, if the public has Anglo's, and other non-Navajo speakers in a mixed group, then it is important to express yourself in English and Navajo. The important thing is to communicate, not to be heard, but to listen. My father King Mike was a Navajo Code Talker during WWII and he was fluent in both the Navajo and English languages, he talked Navajo among his Navajo friends yet he always stressed English when there were non-Navajo speakers among his friends. He just thought it was good manners that all understood what he was saying.

E. Create a self-contained town of limited size, prosperity for property owners, and low-density residential development. (A town of churches, chapels, public halls, libraries, institutes, inns, art galleries, theaters, public schools, and a variety of many small businesses).

F. **Goals:** Throughout history, people

safety, for the exchange of services, food and goods, for worship and for social contact. A town is the highest expression of these mutual needs; it should become the seat of administration and justice, small markets and the focus of manufacturing, a nursery of the arts, religion and information technology, and in every way, a unity of collective living.

Objectives: Create a Master Lease for the town of Kayenta; Create our own Property Title Plant of Kayenta; Abolish the Business Site Lease, Home-site Lease and Revocable Lease system and make one "Lease" at 99 yrs.; Pull all conventions on property into one codified law that secures the rights and obligations of the citizens of Kayenta; Create our own municipal Police and courts; Assign street names and street addresses; and License street vendors, Indian Jewelry manufacturing, breakfast taco makers, and a whole host of new entrepreneurs filling the gaps in the legal economy.

G. My greatest contribution has been towards property rights for Kayenta citizens.

H. I think that leadership on an Indian reservation has always been different from leadership off the reservation. The difference coming from the distinguishing feature of Indian reservations being so dependent upon the Federal government. Our 2005 tribal budget for example is \$528.8 million out of which \$151.8 is tribally generated. Nearly \$400 million comes from the Federal government creating federalism to our whole system of Navajo government. Civil service, conflict of interest, and numerous other laws regulations must be observed. This is what creates the red tape so exasperating to most citizens and the typical businessman. It is small business that produce most of the taxes generated for many town and city governments. Now with the adoption of local taxes, we have created local government in Kayenta. This new local government would have to have originality] as a trait as well as creative thinking. Under federalism, Indian leaders have to comply and finish their projects if they are going to be successful. Under our new local government, the Kayenta Township Commissioners literally have an open path. The members are free to work with whomever they choose, and the division of tasks is left to them also.

I. I bring to the Commission my experiences in ownership off the reservation and ownership on the reservation. Off the reservation, formal property titles allow people to translate their labor into real assets. People can build a home and expect it to appreciate in value over time

contrasted to a reservation system of making claims about ownership that the tribal government will not recognize. The bottom line is that Navajo people are assets from the fruit of their hard earned labor.

J. The needs

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September 2, 2004 proved to be a successful day of celebration for Kayenta. The Township hosted a Fire Truck Celebration and U.S. Congress candidate Rick Renzi.

(Left to Right, Top to Bottom) Rick Renzi states his support for the Township, Pamela Zonnie opens with the National Anthem in Navajo, Ron Watch (Township Engineer Assist.) and Kee Carl (Township Surveyor) prepare the mutton, Willie Begay (Council Delegate-Kayenta), Gary Nelson (Town Mgr.) discusses Kayenta's status with Renzi, Helen Bonnaha (Commission V.P.) speaks with confidence, and Eugene Badonie (Commissioner) provides his culinary skills.



A Message from Congressman Rick Renzi to the Navajo People:

The district that I represent in Congress is home to the largest population of Dine in the country. Your chapter houses make up some of the most vibrant and active local communities in Arizona. My obligation to represent your interests in Congress is derived from a deep personal respect for your unique culture, proud heritage and sovereignty.

Your traditional family values, the respect you hold for all life and your stewardship of our natural resources are at the core of my agenda in Congress. I understand your commitment to developing your body, mind and soul in accordance with ancient traditions passed down from father to son, mother to daughter for countless generations. My wife and I have twelve children, seven boys and five girls – our shared mindset and regard for our traditions binds us, my family and your family together.

Let me also reaffirm to you, the sovereign – independent nature and existence of your people both historically and into the promised future. It is sovereignty that constantly must be defended. I defend this because I recognize the same independent spirit within myself.

The federal government needs to listen to the voices of the

facilitate this dialogue, I have opened the first-ever congressional office on the Navajo Nation, in Window Rock. This office, staffed by two members of the Navajo Nation was created so that I can provide the same level of representation and service that I am able to afford to other areas in the district.

During my regular visits to your chapter houses, I have been able to host town hall meetings, where the entire community was invited to discuss the issues important to them. In my travels to more than 54 chapter houses across the Navajo Nation, I have been able to speak with countless members of your community who are very honest and let me know exactly how I can help and what is needed from Washington.

One of my most important goals for the Navajo Nation is to improve housing for the Navajo people. Recently, I hosted members of the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee for a congressional hearing on the Navajo Nation. This hearing, entitled, "Improving Housing Opportunities for Native Americans," followed an extensive tour of housing sites on the Navajo Nation with one-on-one meetings between Tribal officials and members of Congress. I am committed to working directly with your government to assure that your interests are pursued by bringing leaders in Washington to Native

communities where they can see the situation with their own eyes.

I will continue to work for the Navajo people in Congress, bringing national leaders to the Navajo Nation and securing additional funding for improved services and new programs. My long term goals are focused upon the improvement of the quality and the delivery of basic government services to Native American populations and communities across the country. Whether for education, health care, transportation, housing or basic assistance projects, funding levels for the Navajo Nation need to be raised and the current situations of poverty, disease, drought and crime need to be evaluated and addressed immediately. Toward these goals I am pleased to report to you the following achievements for the Navajo Nation:

General Achievements:

- Opened the first Congressional office on the Navajo Nation in Window Rock.
- Hired 2 full-time Navajo staff members.
- Working with U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi to locate a veterans' clinic on the Navajo Nation to better serve the needs of Navajo veterans.

Legislative Achievements:

- Introduced The Navajo Nation Higher Education Act to reauthorize the 1971 Navajo Community College Act. This bill provides funding to address Dine College's facility needs such as modernization, repair and rehabilitation and modernizes the statute by

education philosophy of Dine College. In addition, this important legislation requires a survey and study of Dine College's facility needs.

- Assisted with H.R. 2595, legislation to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program.
- Worked on a bipartisan basis to introduce two bills improving roads on the Navajo Nation: (1) the Tribal Transportation Program Improvement Act (HR 2331) to ensure that tribal roads are maintained on the Navajo Nation; and (2) the Indian School Bus Route Safety Reauthorization Act (HR 1107) to reauthorize funding for maintenance of public roads used by school buses serving Indian reservations.
- Voted in support of an amendment to the Energy Policy Act of 2003 eliminating a \$30 million federal subsidy for a uranium mining demonstration project.
- Hosted a field hearing in Tuba City on Native American housing issues
- Working with the United States Marine Corps to establish a JROTC unit in Ganado.
- Voted against H.R. 2691, the Conference Report for the Interior Appropriations bill, in protest to a rider attached to the provision that will unnecessarily interfere in the Cobell v. Norton legal proceedings and overrule a District Judge's decision in the case.
- Working to introduce legislation to require regular updates of student count under the Johnson O'Malley Act.

Appropriations Obtained for the Navajo Nation:

- Obtained \$58.8 million specifically designated for the construction and staffing of health care facilities on the Navajo Nation in the House-passed FY04 Department of Interior Appropriations bill. The funding totals are:

- \$9,247,000 for the Fort Defiance Hospital to

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KAYENTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ON FIRE

ABOUT NEWLY OBTAINED FIRE ENGINE!

by
Shonnie De La Rosa

On September 2nd, the Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department was proud to unveil their new fire truck to the Kayenta community. The Kayenta Township Commission coordinated a "Fire Truck Celebration" at Kayenta Town Hall, complete with a free BBQ for the community. The celebration included a dedication ceremony for the new fire truck with Julius Young II as Master of Ceremony and, special guests United States Congressman Rick Renzi and Navajo County Board of Supervisors, Percy Deal. Much of the Kayenta community turned out for the celebration to feast and have a first hand look at the new fire truck which was on display for all to see. Assistant Fire Chief Steven Young was kind enough to give us some information on how the fire department acquired the new fire truck.

It has been almost three years since the Navajo Nation pulled Fire Engine 60 out of Kayenta. This put Kayenta with little or no fire protection for the Kayenta fire district. As the year went on, the Kayenta Unified School District met our needs and purchased the Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department a used fire truck from Tennessee. Several months passed and the

Township received a donated fire truck from the Salt River Project in Page. With the additional two fire trucks, we were at least able to provide some fire protection for the Kayenta fire district. Being that we acquired two used fire trucks, we experience several problems with various components involving the pumps. So it was decided by the Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department, that we pursue a new fire truck to



provide the best fire service we could offer.

We began with the Kayenta Township Commission since they were the only government willing to assist us. We followed through with their request to find a truck that would meet our needs. We found a company in Phoenix named Canyon States Emergency that was familiar with our territory. We then forward all the documents and information for the fire truck to the Kayenta Township Commission and they approved the purchase of the new fire truck with no hesitation. In the following months the Kayenta Township Commission then took over the financial aspect of the fire truck, and within eight months we received the new fire truck.

Just about everything in the new fire truck is electronic. Push button pumping system, more



storage, roll up doors, 1000 gallon tank with a 30 gallon foam system, four door unit, seating to accommodate four firefighters with SCBA holders in three seats, 360 degree lighting system that meets NFPA standards, air conditioning, 110 watt two way radio, and so much more. The new fire truck gives us the upper hand with a much more rapid response, dependability, and the advantage of having more firefighters in the fire truck when it is dispatched.

The Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department has been in existence for over thirty years. It was started by Former Kayenta School District Superintendent, Jack Wilson, and is now headed by Fire Chief Christopher Claw. In the future, we plan to expand the Fire Station with the assistance of the Kayenta Township Commission. We have begun the talking phase about the possibility of a new fire station that would accommodate the whole fire department fleet. Our main focus is to keep this organization an all volunteer fire department. As the community of Kayenta grows, we expect our department and our fleet to increase over the next ten years. Currently we have nineteen volunteer fire fighters, and we consider ourselves to be one of the elite departments on the Navajo Nation. We have one of the largest fire fighting fleets on the Navajo Nation, which includes four fire trucks, two rescues vehicles, and one tender. I don't know what the other fire departments on the Navajo Nation have; all I know is that we have one large fleet of fire fighting vehicles.

We would like to thank the Kayenta Township Commission for all the support and effort that they put forth for the Kayenta Volunteer

Fire Department. We would also like to thank the citizens of Kayenta for supporting our efforts to provide fire protection for Kayenta and the surrounding areas. The Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department provides a vital service to Kayenta and its surrounding areas. Fire Chief Chris Claw and I would like to thank the volunteer firefighters for donating their own free time on a voluntary basis for providing fire and rescue services to the community of Kayenta and its surrounding areas.

Pictures of the fire truck celebration, as well as a speech by United States Congressman Rick Renzi are available on the Kayenta Township Commissions web site.

<http://www.kayentatownship.com>



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(where our ancestors once existed) to the present. In their flight they saw a flood approaching and realized that a beast (called "Teeh Hol Tsodi") was also pursuing after them for reasons they did not quite understand. Trying to understand the cause of the beast's angry pursuit, they carefully searched among themselves to see who among them might have offended the terrible creature. In their search they found that coyote had stolen the infant baby of the Teeh Hol Tsodi and immediately the people returned the infant to its parent. Just as Coyote stole the infant Teeh Hol Tsodi, the Navajo People of the present day are struggling to secure for themselves true sovereignty and economic independence (like stealing another infant creature) from the United States and the Navajo Central Governments - through granting of local governance authority back to the Navajo communities.

What is the Navajo Nation's Dilemma in Obtaining True Sovereignty and Economic Independence?

If someone (unconnected with the Navajo philosophy and beliefs) were to explain why the Navajo People are unable get their act together and get their economy to work, they would probably say something like "they lack the intellectual capacity to do it". With Navajo Nation's numerous failed attempts in building a nation and a sustainable economy, many of us just might accept that type explanation to be true (thereby furthering our lack of National Pride). But, I must challenge that type explanation, because it is based only on face value, on the visual appearance of what might be the reason for the Navajo People's difficulties.

Therefore, I must say that the Navajo People's dilemma is far more reaching and hidden from the visual observation, and I can only rely on the knowledge I have been fortunate to gain and receive over the years (that is based upon the invaluable teaching and beliefs of our people) to even make the attempt to offer a contrasting explanation. In order to do so, I must also make the following statement that "All Nations have differing relationships with the

important for all Navajo People to know and understand, because it is the key to knowing who we are as a Race. It is the key to our self realization and identity, and the National Pride that I allude to throughout this presentation.

So who are we?

The creation of the Navajo People (the "Dine Race") begins with the story of Yohlgai Asdzaan (translated as "White Shell Woman", who later was given the name Asdzaa Naglee "or Changing Woman"). I will now refer to her by the latter name. Asdzaa Naglee is holy and sacred. She was created by the Most High and she is his bride; and therefore, she represents a sacred covenant between our people and our God. Being the mother of our race, the Most High said to our forefathers **"You are my children and you are my people"** and instructed them on the laws they were to abide by. The laws they received was referred to by our Elders as "Atine Diyin" (or the "Way of Holiness"). If they faithfully obeyed the laws of this covenant, they would enjoy his holy blessings and their lands would receive the rains in the due season (and at the appointed times). And that no enemy Nation would be able to stand before them. On the contrary, if they disobeyed the sacred covenant he would remove their mother Asdzaa Naglee from their midst and his people (the "Dine") would succumb to all manner of pestilence, disease, famine and war - even being driven, hunted, destroyed and conquered by other enemy Nations. **That is where we find ourselves today.**

Did not the Navajo People experience defeat at the hands of the United States Army and were marched to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where many more suffered and died from the evils they were forewarned about?

The Return of Asdzaa Naglee:

We have strayed from the covenant that was established between our forefathers and our God, and it is evident by our continual subjection to a more powerful nation. But, despite the difficult circumstances we are in, the blessings of the covenant through our mother "Asdzaa Naglee" still

remains, because it is an everlasting covenant. It only needs to be restored.

In our quest for true sovereignty and economic independence, we (the Navajo People) must not forget that we do have a God, the Almighty, the same Holy Being who delivered our ancestors from the powerful kingdom of Teeh Hol Tsodi thousands of years ago. The same Holy Being will deliver the Navajo People once again if we restore his name in our midst (in the midst of our land) and rely upon his mighty power.

When we come to a realization of our true identity and restore the sacred relationship (individually and as a nation) with our God, there is no power that will shake your confidence nor make you afraid and feel inferior again. This is the essence of true National Pride that needs to reestablish among us and it is upon this foundation we must rebuild our nation.

Our Release from Economic Captivity:

When we restore our blessing from the Almighty, it will be a different day for the Navajo People. We will no longer ask in vain **"Doo Ch'ee Adi' Nii Dado"** because the Almighty himself will be in our midst to fight on our behalf. The local **empowerment that we are fighting for and greatly desire** will no longer be withheld. And when it is granted to our people, we would finally be released from our captivity, and from that moment onward we will have in our hands our own economic destiny. Who else can create the Navajo private sector economy other than the local Navajo communities? There is none.



"Our team has a lot of strong potential this year!"

-Don Allen Pettyjohn



DONNY'S MUSTANG CORNER

A new Mustang Football season has arrived and our Sports Correspondent Don Allen Pettyjohn has provided us with an overview as to his predictions of what Mustang fans will need to look forward to this year on the GRIDIRON!

Q: What are your thoughts regarding this year's Mustang Varsity football team?

A: I believe the coaching will improve with the adding of coach Richard Benjamin this season!

Q: What are there strengths and weaknesses?

A: Their passing game has improved but I can't say the same for their running game. On top of that it'll be a fight for them to keep their players free from injury and away from getting suspended.

Q: What's the game plan according to the new head football coach?

A: The goal is to play good "D" while running a strong offense with both the running and passing game.

Q: Is there anything special about this season that'll separate our team from last year?

A: I've noticed that the this year's group of boys play together as a team more.

Q: Overall, how well do you feel the boys will do throughout the 3A North Conference?

A: My predictions are that they will finish out the season with 5 wins and 3 losses. I have a lot of confidence in our boys this year, so it'll be important to catch every game this season!

"DUST DO IT!"

by
Shonnie De La Rosa



A small and short sentence that appears to be on the minds of many Kayenta residents who dread the ruthless dust that is brought to life whenever the wind blows through Kayenta's quiet community. It is apparent that the dust lies quite awake and tangible resolutions remain halted and unseen by Kayenta's residents. Thus, a growing number of local residents are anxiously awaiting something to be done, so that simple tasks such as going to the store during peak season isn't about experiencing a mouth full of sand.

A recent study has indicated that a group of service providers have been brainstorming a resolution to control the dust problem in Kayenta. A technical team (Kayenta Chapter, Peabody Coal Company, Navajo Agricultural Products Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Salt River

been assembled to begin a discussion of development for a reclamation plan to reseed the proposed problem area. The area of concern begins at the foothills of Black Mesa, southeast of Kayenta where very little vegetation is left to hold the soil from blowing.

The Kayenta Township Commission has earmarked \$250,000.00 of Kayenta tax money to go toward the rehabilitation effort (reseeding, snow fence, planting of trees). A quick fix may be to place a snow fence within the Kayenta Township boundary to reduce the wind velocity and to aid in the regrowth of the vegetation in the problem area. Technical advisors have mentioned

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hire staffing for existing facility

- \$19,577,000 for the Pinon Health Center to complete construction of facility
- \$30,000,000 for the Red Mesa Health Center for the construction of a facility
- Obtained total \$8 million for Navy procurement of Phalanx Close-in Weapon System Upgrade Kits in Fort Defiance and \$4 million in RDTE, Navy for Phalanx Close-in Weapon System (SEA RAM) in the FY04 Department of Defense Appropriations Act signed into law. These products are manufactured by the Mechtronics Corporation in Ft. Defiance.
- Obtained total \$4.6 million for Energy and Water projects on the Navajo Nation in the House-passed FY04 Appropriations bill. The funding totals are:
- \$350,000 for the Ganado Irrigation project
- \$250,000 for flood plain mapping to prevent new permanent structure development from being done in flood plains on the Navajo Nation
- \$1,000,000 for Emergency drought assistance for the Navajo Nation
- \$3,000,000 for the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project to provide power to homes that are currently without power (This funding is in addition to an earlier \$3 million for the project in the FY03 Omnibus bill.)
- Obtained total \$1.45 million for road

2989, the Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for FY04. The funding totals are:

- \$1,250,000 for the Turquoise Trail Project (BIA Route 4)
- \$200,000 for Navajo Mountain Road (Navajo Route 16)
- Obtained total \$7.3 million for road and bridge improvements on the Navajo Nation in the House approved, H.R. 3550, the Transportation Equity Act. The funding totals are:
- \$1,000,000 for Querino Bridge
- \$3,300,000 for Pine Springs Road, N.N
- \$3,000,000 for Navajo Mountain Road
- Obtained \$500,000 FY2004 Departments of Labor and HHS for Sage Memorial Hospital.
- Obtained \$235,000 for law enforcement improvements and equipment modernization for the Navajo Nation Department of Public Safety, including the purchase of a \$20,000 intoxilyzer for the Tuba City Department of law enforcement to ensure that both officers and the courts have the proper tools to prosecute offenders in the FY04 Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations Act.
- Obtained funding in the FY04 Department of Defense Appropriations Act for the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Program, which supports the

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that the source of the problem is well outside of the Kayenta Township boundary and to simply put a band aid on the problem area is simply not enough. For a number of years Kayenta and the surrounding areas of the Navajo Nation have suffered immensely from severe drought, with out the reduction or elimination of livestock from the proposed problem area, there is no possibility of the remaining vegetation to regenerate and survive.

The Natural Resource Conservation Services and Peabody Coal Company Have volunteered to develop an Implementation Plan. The plan will be used for educating land users. The land users will be required to grant consent in order for the planned project to be implemented. The Kayenta Chapter Grazing Representative will coordinate this effort with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Branch of Natural Resources.

The United States Department of Agriculture will assist in developing grant applications for additional funds to supplement the commitment by the Kayenta Township Commission. To date, the Kayenta Chapter has passed a resolution requesting assistance from the Navajo Nation, and Navajo Agricultural Products Industry and Peabody Coal Company have recommended a list of seed species to be planted in the proposed problem area.

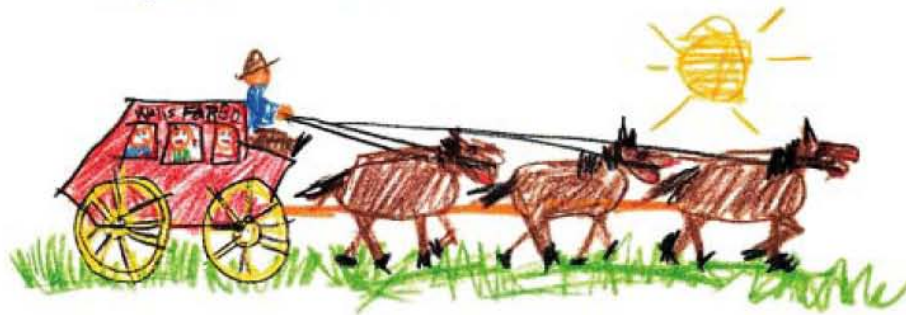
A perfect example of sand accumulation that begins to crawl. Kayenta's westside wall.

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Township Submits Application Through GADA (Greater Arizona Development Authority) For Bond Financing.

The following is a breakdown of FY 2004-05 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects, as indicated in the application packet submitted for Bond Financing through GADA, which is under the Arizona Department of Commerce. "We are anticipating the results to be promising," indicated Gary Nelson (Town Manager). Each line item listed below rests heavily upon the approval of Kayenta's application. The decision to venture into the avenue of Bond Financing primarily stems from the local Township's desire to become a more self-sufficient and independent community.

*** \$2.10 Million Bond @ 4.5% rate amortized over 30 years amounts to \$10,600.64 monthly payments, or \$127,813.42 per annum. ***

I. PLANNING & ENGINEERING STUDIES:

MARKET STUDY & GENERAL PLAN- \$100,000

Through the proposed market study the Township hopes to gain better understanding of the needs and wants of its citizens and the 3,606 acre trade area it serves. The study area must be assessed for residential, businesses, schools, government facilities, industrial, health care, and aviation development. Bid opening and the contract award will be held in the last week of October and the performance of the work will begin in November 2004 and end February 2005.

DRAINAGE STUDY & CONTROL PLAN- \$40,000

Each year, the town floods in several places from the monsoon thunderstorms that cause damage to certain developments in Kayenta. As a result, the Kayenta Township will meet the requests of the Community to resolve it. According to a 1988 Flood Plain Management Study by USDA for the Kayenta Community (USDA-SCS-1998), Kayenta is prone to flooding. Request for Proposals (RFP's) will be solicited in October 2005 and the work performed from November 2004 through January 2005.

KAYENTA HOSPITAL/INFRA A&E- \$50,000

A full service hospital has been approved for Kayenta and its construction is slated for 2006. As part of the approval, one of the conditions was for the Township to extend water and sewer service to the designated hospital site. RFP's for this project will be solicited in October 2004 and the work performed from November 2004 through January 2005.

WATER TANK & WELL DELIVERY SYSTEM- \$150,000

The Kayenta Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) Master Lease will immediately replicate a free enterprise environment and will attract increased numbers of entrepreneurs and investors to Kayenta, resulting in increase jobs and population growth. An economic hub for a trade area-pop.40k-50k people. RFP's for this project will be solicited in the month of October and the performances of engineering design in the months of November 2004 - January 2005.

KAYENTA JUDICIAL COURT BUILDING/A&E- \$25,000

One of the goals of the Kayenta Township is to eventually have the public safety, law enforcement and judicial system under the umbrella of the town government. The buildings currently housing these entities are small old modular trailers which have very limited space. The RFP's for the Architectural and Engineering design will be solicited in October 2004 and the performance of work in November and December 2004.

KAYENTA AIRPORT ACCESS and FRONTAGE ROADS/ENGINEERING DESIGN- \$25,000

Kayenta's Airport is a diamond in the rough. At the present, its status remained undeveloped with only a small (dirt runway) in Gouldings, UT to capture almost all of the tourism related flights coming from Phoenix and Las Vegas, NV. Plans for the Kayenta Airport is to refurbish the runway, install taxi-way and precision (instrumental guided) airport landing lights, and an airport terminal on site. Armstrong Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the Kayenta Township to develop an airport master plan, and their work is funded by FAA. The Township received \$25,000 from Navajo County but is only for construction purposes. Therefore, the Township seeks \$25,000 in financial assistance through GADA for the engineering and design portion of the airport

II. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

RE-SEEDING OF (2.5 TO 3.0 Sq. Mi.) ERODED RANGELAND AROUND KAYENTA- \$250,000

This project evolved from the great disgust expressed by Kayenta residents in terms of the bad dust storms that occur each year from December - end of May. This project will require rangeland reseeding, tree planting and placement of snow fencing to reduce intense wind velocities from the southwest. During the windy season (Dec. 2004 - May 2005) placement of snow fences will begin.

FENCING OF TOWN BOUNDARY- \$30,000

This project stems from complaints from the residents and business owners who demand that the Township do something to keep livestock out of town. This will require fencing of the entire east and west boundaries, from Hwy 160 northward to Laguna Creek, including the back areas along the north boundary where livestock come up from Laguna Creek. This project may require 2 months to complete and is slated for November and December 2004.

ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER (BUILDING ONLY)- \$85,000

The Kayenta Township supported the cause to match funds, requested by an individual citizen of Kayenta, who has taken the call upon himself to build an animal shelter and kennel to contain stray dogs. (The contribution is contingent upon the GADA funds becoming available)

SKATE PARK (YOUTH RECREATION)- \$120,000

Many of the youth skate board and they currently use the shopping center and convenience store parking lots and side walks: their presence irritate the business owners and the Township hears constant complaints. Therefore, the Township decided to build 100'x100' skate-park in this fiscal year. It is expected to take less than two months to construct. The project is shown to begin in November 2004 and the end of December 2004.

SEWER LINE EXTENSION (BEHIND PD)- \$75,000

The proposed sewer line will be placed on the eastside of the proposed new Kayenta Public Safety complex; it will also parallel a new street that will provide access to the complex. The project is shown to begin in November 2004 and end in January 2005.

KAYENTA PUBLIC SAFETY-DETENTION BUILDING (A&E AND CONSTRUCTION)- \$600,000

Each day the KPS must go out and combat the high criminal activity operate out of a 1,000 SF modular building (which they have occupied since 1981). Space is extremely inadequate and the decision to construct a new KPS facility is supported by an October 2003 violation of the Navajo Nation Adult Detention Center Environmental Health Code and the Navajo Food Code inspection report by the Office of Environmental Health. The plan is to solicit RFP's for architectural and design services in October and begin the ground prep and concrete pouring in November, followed by actual construction of buildings from December 2004 through March 2005.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL- \$60,000

On May 19, 2000, the Kayenta Township made a request to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to conduct studies for traffic signals at the major intersections along US Hwy 163 in Kayenta. In November 2000, ADOT's studies found that the intersection US Hwy 163 and Navajo Route 18 met 4 of the 11 requirements that warranted a traffic signal. Costs of construction (\$170K) would be shared by the two governmental entities (Kayenta Township & the State of Arizona) on a 50/50 basis. Construction is slated to start in September 2004 and completed by the end of November 2004.

WOMEN'S SHELTER (MATCHING ONLY)- \$75,000

TCAFA provides service to women and children that are victims of domestic violence. The \$75,000 would represent 25% matching funds.

III. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

FIRE TRUCK- \$230,000 Financed by a bank on a 5 year note at 90% LTV.
MUNICIPAL WASTE (TRASH) TRUCK- \$125,000

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WILL KAYENTA LEAD IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON THE NAVAJO NATION

Kayenta Township and Optegra Network Solutions Inc. are in negotiations to review the telecommunications/ information services needs of Kayenta and the surrounding communities. Optegra has proposed to perform a comprehensive analysis of the telecommunications, health care, emergency services, educational video, Internet, entertainment video technology needs of the residents of Kayenta. The information acquired will be used to develop and engineer a state-of-the-art infrastructure and services master plan to meet the requirements of the community. The analysis will identify and prioritize a menu of services that are important to the citizenry and to the business community to stimulate growth, jobs and new revenue to Kayenta. It will define the options available from various viable providers of services and create a total cost of ownership model for Kayenta. The end result will be a modern high speed, ubiquitous architecture capable of delivering all of the services at reasonable costs. The study will be a key element for Kayenta's economic future. Optegra is an Arizona Based Consulting and Integration Organization. Optegra has developed communications solutions for providers as Cox Business Solutions. The unique Managed Service approach allows communities to improve the communication services in Rural America. Optegra also stated that, currently, the Navajo Nation has a serious deficit in the availability of broadband services. Existing service providers are unwilling to improve the infrastructure required to deliver the needed services in a

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ELECTION DAY IN KAYENTA



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ANIMAL CONTROL ON THE NAVAJO NATION



Many people abandon puppies virtually anywhere through out the Navajo Nation in hope that someone will come along and adopt them.

There are an astronomical number of stray and free roaming dogs and cats on the Navajo Nation. Unfortunately the Navajo Nation is ill-equipped to handle the magnitude of this problem. Currently there are three operating animal control offices on the Navajo Nation. The two oldest are the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife in Ft. Defiance, The Navajo Livestock and Veterinary Services Program in Window Rock, and the younger establishment, The Tuba City Humane Society. All of which have been understaffed and under funded for which they were originally founded for. Due to cutbacks in the Navajo Nation budget, the number of animal control officers has been reduced to about half a dozen officers for the entire Navajo Nation. Under these conditions, Ft. Defiance,

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A new traffic signal is being installed on Highway 163 across from the Old Post Office. Christopher Becenti, ADOT Transportation Engineering Specialist stated that completion of the traffic signal will be in the beginning of January.

KTNN IN KAYENTA



Kayenta Township Manager, Gary Nelson (left) and Former Navajo Nation President, Peter Mac Donald (right) voice thier support for Congressman Rick Renzi, live on AM 660 KTNN on November 1st at Kayenta Town Hall.



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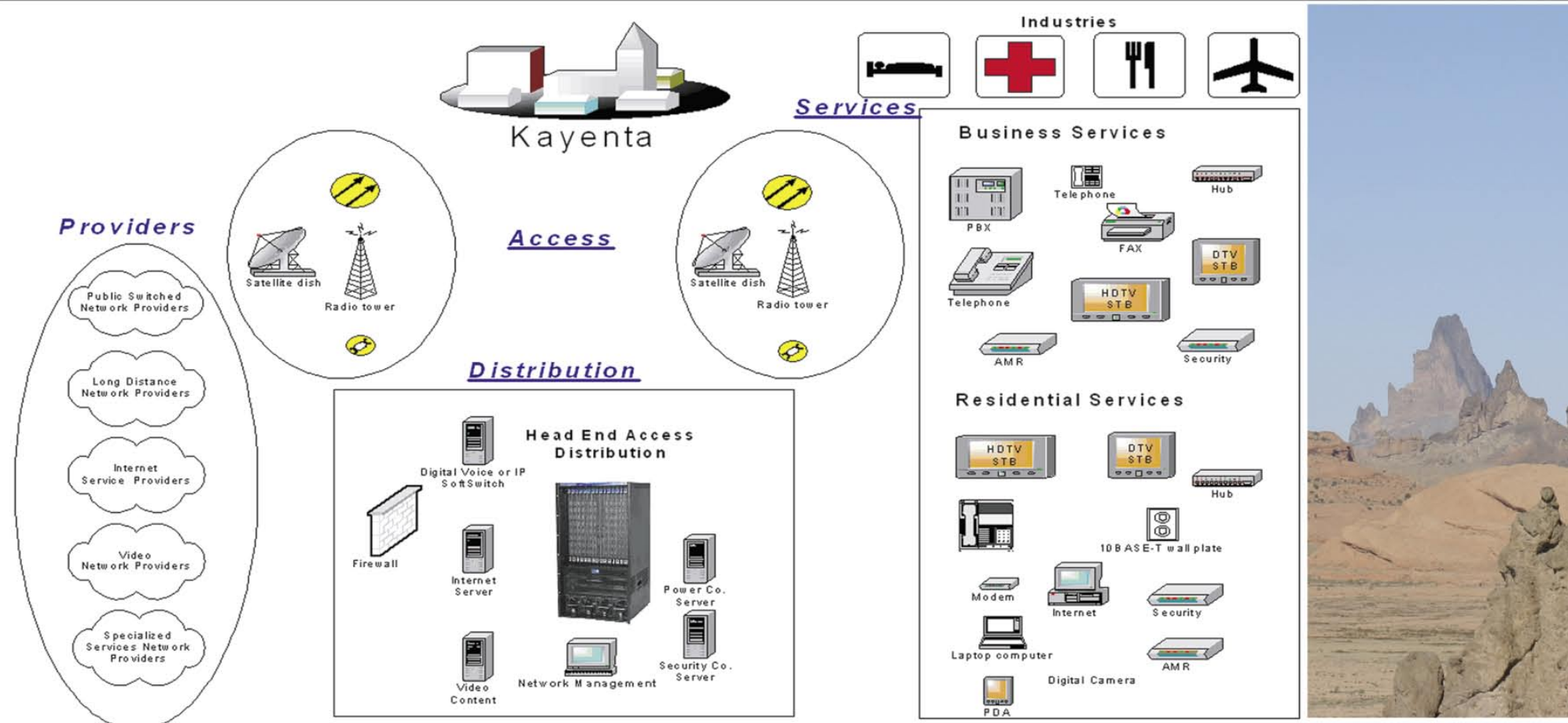
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“The use of digital services saves money and allows Internet, local telephone, long distance and media services.”

infrastructure required to deliver the needed services in a competitive manner. Without the resources or the technical tools the Navajo Nation and Kayenta have had limited opportunity to prosper. Being able to access vital information based resources is essential for organizations. Providing a “carrier grade” delivery infrastructure will allow businesses, agencies and individual residents to benefit from the plethora of services available in today’s information based society. Access to these services will bring economic growth and increased the quality of life for the Navajo People and Rural Americans. We are talking about jobs and the ability to increase the communities’ quality of life from the growing rural economy that will result. Kayenta Township will be able to capture new and lost revenues, while creating jobs and opportunity.

Kayenta Township has chosen to pursue the ability to provide a complete solution that will deliver business and home services. Existing rural infrastructure costs are currently over 4 times the costs of similar services in a metropolitan area and access to needed capacity is not available. Schools currently contend with enormous communications charges and a limited amount of resources.

By providing a Broadband architecture and an open VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) system we can improve the service and reduce the overall costs. This architecture provides the community the power of “distance learning” to a facility or the home for: programs like (GED, K-12, and Degree Programs Bachelor through Doctorate) The availability of technology can change the educational opportunities for the population. With a broadband network in place, current school or public facilities can be used to house these classes. The use of digital services saves money and allows Internet, local telephone, long distance and media services. This network will solve the need to share curriculum and teachers, track student’s progress while providing educational access to the community costly busing or moving away from Home will now be possible.

Currently government agencies suffer from high communications cost and limited access resulting from the disparity of services within the Navajo Nation. The result is limited capacity and abilities, and a strain on an already stressed budget. agencies will act as a starting point for initial network deployment Delivering a “carrier grade” services to these agencies from a high capacity

Internet point of presence located in Kayenta will provide vastly superior digital services and capacity while allowing a reduction in monthly cost associated with telecommunications. These primary access points for Telemedicine and the introduction of a compliant network delivery system can provide a significant reduction in health care cost to the rural community by being able to perform diagnostics and treat patients virtually. It will also spur healthcare jobs and education in that field. Telemedicine works by relaying diagnostic information to the regional hospitals allowing medical professionals to monitor daily the patient statistics from the home or local community location. This consistent individual health information would provide a solid baseline for treatment. It has been estimated that telemedicine can reduce health care cost associated with Diabetes by 20-50%.

Telemedicine and nursing programs can now be taken locally. This will increase the qualified individuals and services available in the more remote areas in the Navajo Nation.

Hospitality (hotels/resorts/tours/shopping) will not develop to the extent possible without reasonable infrastructure and communications services. In turn, the support service industries like food and entertainment will not flourish because the initial mechanism to bring commerce has not been established. The tourist industry is an important step in introducing America to Kayenta. In turn revenue generated from these goods and services can infuse the local economy.

Police, Fire, and other agencies require an emergency response system that is secure and available. This Network design will allow a foundation for secure service and allows the system to grow to meet the capacity these agencies require. - As a model Kayenta and connected communities may provide homes and businesses with local and satellite television programming, Internet, and telephone services. An extremely competitive package can be provided

Kayenta is creating a forum that allows individuals to pursue a higher standard of living in rural locations by providing opportunities that technology can offer. Attracting new talents and more importantly preserving the talent native to the region is instrumental in the maturation process of rural communities.

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POWELL, SCOTT D. 46.19% BUTLER, KEN CHINTIS, STEVEN B. 42.33% GUENTHER, ARTHUR 38.84% Write-in Votes	861 830 724 21	44.53% 789 724 1.13%	CCD 4-NORTHLAND-VAC Total	 11 11 1 8773/13258 1044	 0.0 % 66.2 % 11.9 % 1044 11.90%	 100.0 11.90%
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PAULSON, LAUREN 53.49% KASBURG, JIM DANIELSON-CUSACK, NA 35.35% ADAMS, JAMIE ALLSOP, MICHAEL 33.54% Write-in Votes	1914 1268 1265 1204 35	33.65% 1200 0.98%	USD 1-QUESTION Total	 8 8 1 2845/6350 2279	 0.0 % 44.8 % 80.1 % 1165 1114	 100.0 11.90%
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ADAMS, DAVID R. 55.51% COFSKY, THEODORE A 21.63% Write-in Votes	272 106 6	1.22%	USD 20-QUESTION Total	 5		
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KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS



ANTHONY PETERMAN	204
JIMMIE AUSTIN II	194
RICHARD MIKE	194
CHARLES H. YOUNG	185
EUGENE BADONIE	185
HELEN BONNAHA	179

TEEH IN DEEH ESTATES RESIDENTS ASK, “WILL WE EVER OWN OUR HOMES?”

Kayenta
According to an NHA newsletter published by Navajo Housing Athority, The Fort Defiance Housing Corpora- tion was awarded by the USDA as “the best in providing low income families affordable housing”. Recently, there are growing assertions that suggest otherwise. The residents of the Fort Defiance Housing Corporation’s Teeh In Deeh Estates in Kayenta have alleged that during a recertification process for tenants, the management service Vantage Management adjusted monthly payments to 30% of the household’s gross income. Initial ceiling rates of \$833 for a 4 bedroom to \$633 for a 3 bedroom have allegedly caused numerous residents to move out. Several allegations heard during the October 20, 2004 Teeh In Deeh Resident Organization meeting at the Kayenta Chapter House ranged from the uncertainty surrounding the ownership of their homes, no given value of their homes, a straight 30 year rental agreement with no known amortization schedule to irregularities from the in-house utility service-Dine Utility CO-OP. Teeh In Deeh Residential Organization was formed in January of 2003. Issues concerning the housing develop- ment are currently ongoing. Fort Defiance Housing Corporation could not be reached for comment..



President of the Teeh In Deeh Resident Organization Kelly Yazzie, addresses the Teeh In Deeh Resident Organization and tentants about problems with the Fort Defiance Housing Corporation at the Kayenta Chapter House on October 20.

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Tuba City Humane Society and the Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife, were originally set up to handle the problem of that time period. Although they are doing their part, they are much too small to handle the current problem throughout the Navajo Nation.

Besides being a public nuisance, stray dogs and cats carry over 17 zootomic diseases that can be transmitted to many other family owned pets; many of which could be avoided with proper shots, treatment and care by owners. Zootomic diseases are diseases that can be transmitted from animal to animal or animal to human through physical bites or direct skin contact. As reported by veterinarians and citizens of the Navajo Nation is that the most current significant health danger to dogs to date is venereal disease; many animals taken in to be spayed or neutered have this disease which can be spread to other animals through direct and indirect touching. This disease is fatal only to dogs and is not passable to humans.

The Humane Society of the United States has reported that animals in shelters had been abused in their previous homes and that can be directly related to domestic violence in homes. During the course of their research, 85% of women and 63% of children interviewed claimed that their abusers also abused their pets at times to control their victims and/or families. Here on the Navajo Nation, domestic violence is very common and if the public is educated and made aware of this topic this may directly reduce the incidence of domestic abuse and cruelty to animals. Over 3,000 dogs have been destroyed since January of this year, and 60% of the Navajo Nation is without veterinary, spay, and neuter programs. Most people who live on the Navajo Nation know that we are struggling to make good and much needed changes.



“The Truest nature of a society is judged in how it treats its elderly, children, and animals”
- Franklin Ramsey



Frank Ramsey checks on a stray

The Kayenta Township has stepped up to the plate by stating that something must be done about the stray animals and they invite other communities to join in to help with the problem. The Kayenta Township Commission has a business plan for a local animal shelter in Kayenta, Arizona. The plan is for a relatively small but efficiently run center where the stray population and free roaming dogs can be handled by housing an estimated 30 dogs and 20 cats. The Animal Control Director of the Kayenta Township, Franklin Ramsey has stated, “If we are to have a safe town that is the gateway to our beautiful Monument Valley we must make sure that we are not contributing to the ever growing problem of stray and free roaming dogs and cats.”

The goal for the Kayenta Animal Control Shelter is that through internet adoption and local adoptions, the process can be kept moving forward, and for each dog or cat that finds a new home, one more can be removed from the streets and adopted.

The Kayenta Animal Control Shelter will also handle the job of handling vicious dogs that have been involved with bite reports, police and/or civil disputes. These dogs will be sheltered and evaluated and/or quarantined until such time the court system determines their outcome.

With the addition of the Kayenta Animal Control Shelter the director and employees will conduct lectures and health fairs upon request. Community awareness and education will be about the role of the dog in the traditional Navajo home as passed down from older generations. And with the times changing these traditional teachings will help future generations and teach pet owners about respect for all living things. With combined efforts to rid the community of problem animals and continued community awareness of animals and how they should be handled, the Kayenta Animal Control Shelter can make the community of Kayenta a safer place to live. “These animals are our responsibility, if we are to use them as companions, protectors and working dogs, we need to assist in their health and survival.” said Franklin Ramsey.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL imagineNATIVE FILM + MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL WRAPS UP THE MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR SO FAR



Toronto, Canada - The Fifth Annual imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival has come to a close after four highly successful days of bringing together the best Aboriginal works in the world. The Festival ran from October 20th-24th in the just opened Al Green Theatre in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre in Toronto. Organisers have all declared this their most successful year to date, and the caliber of the films proves that imagineNATIVE has come a long way.

People came from all over the world to attend the festival; from the newly launched Maori Television Network from New Zealand to filmmakers from all over the globe to local film fans. One patron stated "I attended the festival for the first time last year and was overwhelmed. My sister and I may as well have put up a tent and just stayed there. So much to see, so little time." The question and answer portions of the screenings seemed particularly popular with patrons, and the discussions could have easily gone on beyond the cut off time. The filmmakers also seemed happy with the response they got at the Festival. Lisa Jackson directed the short film Suckerfish and was the winner of the Alliance Atlantis Mentorship Award. She said that despite showing her film in several other festivals she had never had as rewarding an experience as the one she had at imagineNATIVE. Alanis Obomsawin attended the festival for a special in-theatre discussion and screening of her films Richard Cardinal and Christmas at Moose Factory. Obomsawin was also awarded the inaugural Milestone Award for in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the community and to filmmaking in Canada. "We've come a long way!" she said, speaking of how impressed she was of the films she was able attend. imagineNATIVE has given a voice to Aboriginal people from around the world. Philippine director Kanakan Balintagos stated that he never expected to find himself in Canada, much less find a welcoming audience for his film Basal Banar. Basal Banar tells the story of the Palaw'an, the indigenous people of a set of islands in the Philippines. Forced to give up their home islands but never forgetting their ancestral lands and seas, and the effort is now underway to re-gain them. In accepting his Honourable Mention for Best Documentary, Balintagos seemed stunned at the honour saying "I only wanted to make a change for my tribe." Vilsoni Hereniko, who directed the opening night film Pear ta Ma Ceon Maf / The Land Has Eyes was likewise humbled by his award for Best Dramatic Feature. "It is a cliché to say you have no speech prepared, but I didn't even know that I was in competition!" Hereniko said, going on to declare that the award meant a great deal to him because the people working for imagineNATIVE "really care for you."

The 2004 imagineNATIVE Festival has come to a close, but the call for submissions is already out for next year. The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2005 and the sixth annual festival is expected to take place in October 2005. The imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival's mandate is to promote and train Aboriginal media artists and works to support both established and emerging artists. With the festival becoming bigger and better every year, imagineNATIVE is quickly gaining a reputation as an extraordinary international Film and Media Arts Festival. - For more information on Imagine Native, please visit <http://www.imagenative.org>

Kayenta Town Hall Near Completion



The addition to the Kayenta Township Hall is coming along. KTC Construction Manager, Roger Zonnie estimates the completion of the addition sometime in December.

Kayenta Today

We are currently seeking story contributions and Community Announcements. We also offer advertising at very reasonable rates. Kayenta Today is a monthly publication and is distributed widely with the Navajo Times as an insert. (Call or E-mail for Ad rates) Submission guidelines are as follows:

Story submission:
Microsoft Word preferred, submit by e-mail, CD, or floppy disk

Photograph:
300dpi, CMYK, RGB, TIFF, JPEG

Maximum Ad size:
11.5" x 13.5"
Color or Black and White

Contact:
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Box 1490 Kayenta, AZ 86033
E-mail: tparty@hotmail.com
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Meet a few of the employees that keep the Kayenta Township going



Alisa D. Begay - Kayenta
Executive Assistant

Assist Town Manager and KTC with meetings, traveling, organize travel arrangements, and meetings.

I'd like to see the township with job opportunities and a local university, so students don't have to relocate to other cities to go to school



Brenda Sagboy - Kayenta
Assistant Town Manager



Darren Snake - Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
EDO/Grant Writer

Tribal Economic Development and Strategic long range planning. Grant Writing, Tribal Government.

Goals: To create long and short range economic plans for Kayenta Township. Help with grant writing for funding to make any plan a reality. I want to help KTC in community development in being successful.



Denver Nash - Kayenta
Construction and Maintenance



Kee Carl - Fort Defiance, Arizona
Kayenta Township Engineer

Certified Surveying Technician with the American Congress of Surveying and the National Professional Surveying Association.

Goals: My goals are to work as a good employee and help the community of Kayenta. Assist with the home ruled government as an independent municipality.



Weylon Singer - Kayenta
Accountant



Roger Zonnie - Chilchimbeto
Construction Supervisor

Experience in carpentry, plumbing, painting, welding, heavy equipment. Certified electrician.

Goals: I like working for the Kayenta Township, I hope to become Project Manager in the future. I think everyone that works for the Kayenta Township should be very proud of themselves, for all things that have generated through the Kayenta Township. The Kayenta Township will succeed if everyone works together



Lynne Donald - Kayenta
Records Manager

Record and maintenance of Kayenta Township documents. (Leases, resolutions, minutes)

Goals: I want to continue to be a part of the process where the Kayenta Township and Chapter can work together through local governance with complete trust and support of its constituents.



Ron Watch - Kayenta
Civil Engineer

Drafting, rendering, surveying, and landscape design.

Planning and zoning of road and utility design. Manage property boundaries and utilities.

I hope to become Town Manager or a Town Commissioner someday.



Shonie De La Rosa - Kayenta
Public Relations

Coordinate media and events for Kayenta Township, promote the Kayenta Township through media. Experience: Film maker, photographer, graphic design, computer network administration

Goals: I want to do all that I can to help make Kayenta a great place to live



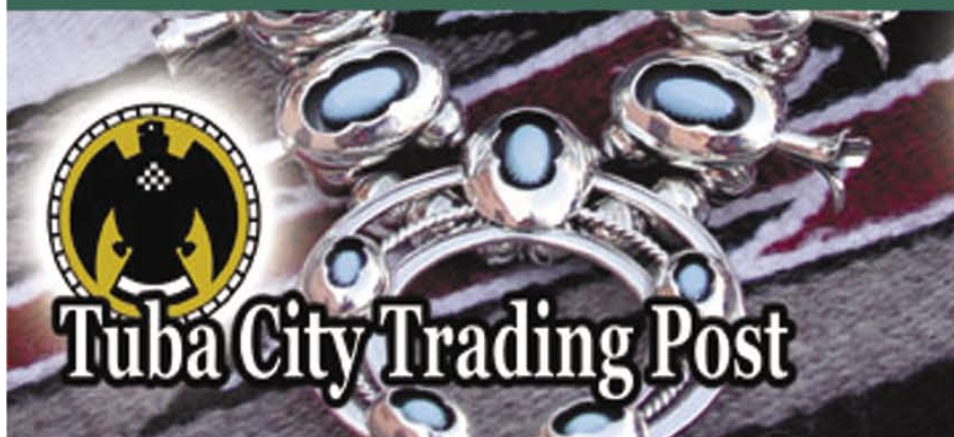
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New Detention Center for Kayenta?



Inside Kayenta Police Department's current detention facility

Jail space on the Navajo Nation is extremely low. To date there are only 92 total beds to detain inmates on the Navajo Nation, 57 of these beds are located in Window Rock, this only leaves 35 beds through out Navajo land to accommodate inmates for the rest of the Navajo Nation.

Kayenta Detention Supervisor, Sherry Begay stated that community events and holidays are the busiest and the detention center fills quickly.

Begay has been working at the Kayenta Detention Center since 1988 and noted that, most offenders are men, but indicated that more women are committing crimes and are being detained. The Kayenta Detention Centers current statistics average 10 females and 130 males per month. Many of these women are single mothers and are usually charged with DUI in most cases. "We basically run a drunk tank, once they sober up, we let them go. Its real frustrating." said Begay.

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Update: Reseeding Project



The proposed reseeding area resides at the base of Black Mesa

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One of Dine Bii Association for Disabled Citizens new group homes.

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The large portion of the area designated for restoration is within the Kayenta Chapter jurisdiction. The land users have to consent for any activity before going forward with any project. The public information meeting has been successful.

EDT, Inc. has been selected from a number of vendors to conduct an environmental assessment and archeological survey. BIA, USDA, Peabody, NAPI, ADOT, NTUA, HIS, Kayenta Township, and others are all technical team members who have been busy discussing the land restoration method and other logistical issues.

The "Reclamation Plan" was developed by USDA - Phil Zhonnie



representatives. Peabody Reclamation staff provided additional information to supplement the initial plan.

The recent moisture has helped the cause in holding down the remaining topsoil, and keeping it from further erosion and possibly reestablishment of the native grasses. Currently, the weather dictates the success of the land restoration or even the reestablishment of native grasses.



Pending Lease between the Kayenta Township and Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc.



Kayenta Township and the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers, Inc. have been in the midst of a business site lease negotiations for the Teeh In Deeh Shopping Center in Kayenta. A draft lease is now under review by NNSCI. If the Township and NNSCI come to agreement on the terms and conditions of the lease, the Teeh In Deeh Shopping Center Lease should come before the Kayenta Township Commission in January 2005 for approval.

Initially, NNSCI came before the Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council for the master lease of 19.47 acres of Kayenta Township lands. Although EDC approved the NNSCI Master Lease, their action was challenged by the Kayenta Township and President Joe Shirley. The challenge was based upon the fact that the Teeh In Deeh Shopping Center was located inside the Township boundary; and therefore, in the name of "Local Governance" and "Local Empowerment" President Shirley strongly encouraged NNSCI to negotiate with Kayenta Township for a lease. In this regard, the NNSCI has been agreeable and very cooperative in working with the Kayenta Township.

Despite questions whether the Bureau of Indian Affairs will respect the Kayenta Township's authority in issuing a lease to the NNSCI, the negotiations are going forward with the assumption that BIA will approve the lease. Should BIA oppose the Township then the Township and other Navajo communities will make the necessary challenge to the federal government until they are granted the ability to negotiate and approve their own business site leases. When the challenge is made the Navajo Nation Leadership must stand by the Kayenta Township and the Navajo communities that desire local empowerment and local governances, until they are granted that right to self-governance and self-determination.

The Kayenta Township and NNSCI Lease will test the waters and see if BIA raises its ugly head and try to oppose. We have been restricted long enough. It is time we set ourselves free.

-Gary Nelson
Kayenta Township Manager



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Begay also stated that 90% of the people brought in to be detained involve alcohol and very few are ever brought in that are not intoxicated. Public Intoxication or Possession of Alcohol tops the list in charges, DUI, and Domestic Violence comes in second and third. "Even the inmates complain about the facilities. At times we may have a family detained and a fight will break out between them. We are unable to separate them because we do not have individual cells to detain them." said Begay.

The Department of Environmental Health has been inspecting jail facilities across the Navajo Nation. Inspection on Kayenta's detention center determined that the detention center fails fire safety requirements, building structure codes, and hygiene requirements.

A recent inspection of the Tuba City facilities threatens the closure of the detention center, unless repairs are made. Detention centers all across the Navajo Nation are in dire need of new facilities. Most are too small to accommodate the growing number of inmates, and are simply unsafe. "There is only one maintenance worker from Chinle that is responsible for detention center maintenance for the entire Western Agency, and he is extremely backed up with work orders. So we usually wind up doing all maintenance work ourselves." said Begay.

"When a person is brought in to be detained, we get their information, do a visual check on them, and then send them to the clinic for a medical screening. If they are being booked for a DUI, we also have them perform a breath analyzer test. If an individual

is extremely intoxicated, we send them to the clinic for a medical evaluation. This protects us as well as the safety of the individual." said Sherry Begay.

The Kayenta Detention Center which was built back in the early 70's has two cells, one for males and one for females. Each cell can hold up to 10 people maximum. Once the cells have reached capacity, inmates are then transferred to either the Shiprock or Window Rock facilities. If there is no room to accommodate additional inmates, then room is made by releasing inmates that have committed a lesser crime. Unfortunately many people that get arrested, know this process, and continue to commit crimes. "It's a never ending cycle, the victims of crimes, the community, and police officers get very angry about this process. We really need new facilities to accommodate our needs, not only here in Kayenta, but all across the Navajo Nation." said Sherry Begay.

Due to the dire need, and constant pressure from the Kayenta residents, the Kayenta Township and Kayenta Chapter have set out to construct a new detention center and office for the Kayenta Police Department. The Township Commission authorized expenditure of \$600,000.00 in Bond Financing (to be matched by other sources of funds) that will be leveraged by Kayenta sales tax revenue. The Public Safety Committee is aware of the great need for improved facilities in Kayenta, and at their recent meeting in Kayenta praised the community for their "can do" attitude. For that matter, they stated that they would see what they can do to get equal matching funds for the \$600,000.00 already pledged by the Kayenta community.



In the month of December, the Township Office will begin the architectural and engineering design for the new Kayenta Detention Center and Police Department Offices.



Burglaries Plague Kayenta

With an average unemployment rate of 30% in Kayenta, many of the unemployed community members live in poverty. In Kayenta, 51% of all children drop out of school and never graduate high school. Alcohol and drugs have always posed a problem not only in Kayenta, but all across the Navajo Nation. Unfortunately, these problems that we all have to face, leads to a life of crime for some.

Burglary in Kayenta has become a major problem within the past few months. Kayenta Today has documented seven burglaries that have been committed within the past two months in Kayenta. In five of these burglaries, the front doors of these homes had been bashed in and the homes ran sacked.

Teresa Deal of Kayenta had her home burglarized Saturday evening, December 4, 2004 while she and her family were in Pinon attending their daughter's basketball tournament. They arrived home around 11:30

pm and noticed that all the lights in the house were on. When they approached their front door, they noticed that the front door had been bashed in and the door so badly damaged that the deadbolt lock was barely hanging on. Upon entering their home, they saw that the entire house was a total mess, with dresser drawers pulled out of dressers and clothing thrown all over the house. Missing from the home was a Sony Play station II, an X-Box, all the games, 80 DVDs, and a brand new DVD/VHS combo Television that they had just purchased.

Raymond and Yvonne Reed of Kayenta also had their home burglarized on Saturday, October 16, 2004 between 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm. Again the front door was bashed in and the home a total mess. Taken from the home was a video camera, DVDs, CDs, a cell phone, and canned food.

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Community Notes



Navajo Way United, INC.

Christmas Holiday Toy Drive

Toys can be dropped off at the St. Michaels Professional Building #2 (Second Floor) (Behind the St. Michaels Post Office) in St. Michaels, Arizona between Monday - Saturday 8:30am - 4:00pm For More Information Please Call : (928) 871-6661

Navajo Nation Forestry Department

Wood Hauling Permit - \$5.00 Resale Permit - \$10.00

District 8 Grazing Committee Meeting

1st Thursday of every month @ Kayenta Chapter House

Kayenta Farm Board Meeting

2nd Tuesday of every month @ Kayenta Chapter House

Kayenta Township Meeting

2nd Monday of every month @ Kayenta Town Hall

For more information: (928) 697-8451

Peabody Western Coal Company

Coal Load Out Facility closed for the Holidays
December 24, 25, 31 2004 and January 1, 2005

Kayenta Senior Center

Christmas Dinner 12/21/2004 @ 11:30am 60 years and over encouraged to enroll. Lunch served everyday Monday - Friday @ 11:30am
Transportation Information: (928) 697-3603

Christmas Benefit/Contest Pow Wow

Monument Valley High School Gym, Monument Valley, Utah
Saturday, December 18 1:00pm and 7:00pm Grand Entry
For more information: Ron Atine (480) 734-7104

Open to Public

Kayenta Primary School Library, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00pm - 8:30pm. For more information: (928) 697-2425

Miss Navajo Christmas Drive

Accepting canned food, clothing, and toys. Contributions may be dropped off at the Office of Miss Navajo or the Navajo Nation Museum.
For more information: (928) 871-6379

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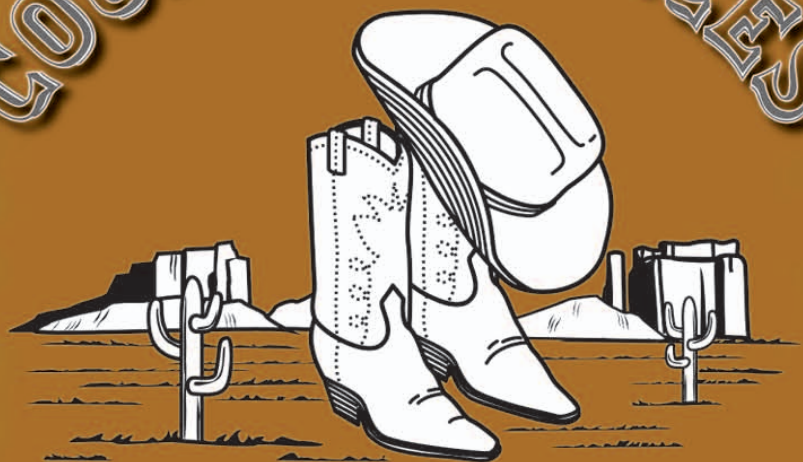
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CHRISTMAS DANCE
SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 2004
ACE'S WILD

Kayenta's Boys and Girls Club reopens it's doors

After the long wait of the release of funding from the Navajo Tribe, the Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo reopened its doors November 3rd. "We want to put everything that has happened with the funding in the past and concentrate on getting the youth back into the Club," stated Tamera Delamar, the Unit Director for the Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo. One child said, "Kayenta just wasn't the same after the Club closed, but I'm really happy that it's open again."



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-Club Member

The Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo first opened its doors July 5th 2001. The Club serves youth ages 6 to 18 years of age living in and around the communities of Kayenta, Black Mesa, Shonto, Chilchinbeto, and Dennehotso, Arizona.

The Club focuses on five main core programs, Education and Career Development, Health and Life Skills, the Arts, and Sports and Fitness. The youth development strategy of the club instills a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging to the youth of the club.

"It's great to see the club open once again, it was sad to see it closed for such a long time. I remember the club being jam packed with kids after school. I believe the club plays a vital role in our community, there's not all that much for our youth to do here in the community, the Boys and Girls Club give these kids something to do after school and gives them

a positive influence." said a member of the Kayenta community.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Boys and Girls Club must meet the age requirement of 6 – 18 years of age, complete a membership application, and pay a nominal program fee. Everyone is encouraged to come take a tour the club and support our youth.

The Kayenta Boys and Girls Club of Navajo is currently looking for people interested in serving on the Advisory Counsel in Kayenta. Anyone that is interested please contact Tamera Delmar at (928) 697-3698. The Boys and Girls Club of Navajo is also looking for people interested in serving on the Board of Directors, anyone interested is encouraged to contact Fran Rowden at (505) 369-3755.

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION "NEEDS ASSESSMENT" SURVEY RESULTS

Darren L. Snake, Economic Development Officer/Grant Writer and his assistant Genevieve Littleben have conducted a Kayenta community survey to identify community concerns with development in Kayenta. The survey result's help identify priorities for a capital project plan for the Kayenta Township Commission.

Mr. Snake is the Grant Writer for all projects in the Kayenta Township and has had experience with State and Federal government funding. "The funding agencies often show up on your doorstep to verify community plans and capital project lists, the survey will provide the proof that KTC has involved the community members in our capital project plan." said Mr. Snake.

The survey was distributed throughout the community and KTC set up a table in community locations to conduct the survey. KTC appreciates each one of you community members who took the time to fill out the survey and even those of you who added comments. There are a total of 650 completed surveys.

There are five (5) categories which consist of Education, Community, Housing, Economics, and Health & Social Services. Each category has sub-categories and there are a total of 36 sub-categories.

The result of the survey is an

un-bias identified need expressed by the community and the top 10 concerns are;

1. Community Hospital	45%
2. Low Income Housing	26%
3. Employment Education	23%
4. Home Ownership	21%
5. Small Business Development	20%
6. Road Improvement	20%
7. Industry Development	19%
8. Public Safety	18%
9. Nursing Home	17%
10. Community Infrastructure	16%

These top 10 concerns show that the people of Kayenta are well aware of the needs and the kind of development that should be constructed to build a self-sustaining community. KTC will use this information to create a capital improvement project (CIP) plan and use its resources to identify project ready and/or construction ready projects based upon an official CIP plan approved by the Kayenta Township Commissioners in January 2005.

"I'm very excited with the development of an official CIP plan approved by the KTC Commissioners and look forward to the planning and development of the needed community projects for the economic growth of Kayenta. It is time for the KTC team to step up to the plate and show the community and Navajo Nation that KTC has what it takes to build a successful community." Mr. Snake said.

Navajo film maker selected to screen at Sundance

Navajo film maker Larry Blackhorse Lowe from New Mexico announced the acceptance of his new and very first feature film "The Fifth World" to the Sundance Film Festival. Larry is no stranger to Sundance, last year he screened his short film "Shush" at the Sundance Film Festival and received rave reviews. "We submitted "The Fifth World" on DVD to Sundance and they watched it, liked it and now were in. A good amount of support came from a lot of people at the festival especially Bird Runningwater." said Larry.

"The Fifth World is a contemporary love story set on the Navajo Reservation and deals with relationships in terms of traditional beliefs. Since the story was conceived, writing the script, and getting financing, we began production last May and shooting film on the Navajo Nation for about two weeks. After that we began shooting various pick up shots." said Larry.

The Fifth World stars an all Navajo cast,



Livandrea Knoki, a former model, Navajo comedians Ernest Tsosie III, James Junes, Larrys mother and father Carmelita B. Lowe and Larry A. Lowe, film maker and musician Corey Allison, model Sahar Khadjenoury, and Melaw Antonie. Larry stated, "I've workd with Liv, Sheldon and Ernest on "Shush". My parents especially my mom, I've had her play many a parts in my short films "Happy Boy" and "Cold Feet". As for James, Corey, Sahar, and Melaw this was my first

time working with them, and they were great."

Larry went to film school at Scottsdale Community College and has been making films since 1998. "I love movies and the language of cinema and I want to be able to leave my mark. Plus I want to tell stories about my people and culture in a very respectful and correct way." said Larry.

Contact info: blackhorse_films@hotmail.com

Dine bii Association Open House

The Dine Bii Association for Disabled Citizens opened its doors on November 18th for an Open House and Thanksgiving dinner to view the new group housing for disabled citizens. Ron Manson, Construction Specialist, over saw the construction for the housing. Ron stated, "The paper work to fund this project began in February 2003 and construction began in March 2004."

The primary funding for the group homes came from NAHASD, the Native American Housing Assistance Self Determination Act. Other funding came from NHA, Navajo Housing Authority and the State of Arizona. Currently the group home is waiting for inspections from the Office of Environmental Health and the State of Arizona so they may acquire a Certificate of Occupancy.

The group homes will provide housing for disabled citizens, primarily children,

and provide them with a home environment and care takers. Each home can house up to five people, one of the homes is specifically designed for citizens confined to wheelchairs. "Each home cost approximately \$500,000.00 to build, a lot of planning went into these homes." said Ron Manson. Ron went on to say, "We currently have funding to build a third group home, we're waiting on bids to come in before construction begins. We also have plans to build a multipurpose building in the near future that will serve the administrative offices and our day clients."

The Dine Bii Association for Disabled Citizens plans to open additional group homes in Pinion and Indian Wells or Dilkon, as well as Independent Living for the Elderly which will be apartment style living with care takers on the premises.



"The Kayenta Township, Kayenta Chapter, NTUA, and the Navajo Housing Authority helped us out tremendously, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for all that they have done to make this project possible." said Ron Manson.

"We reported the incident to the police, they came and investigated it, but I know they will do nothing about it, I know now that we have to watch our own neighborhoods." said Yvonne Reed.

In another burglary last week, two women were tied up, physically beaten, and robbed in their own home by three men. The victims of this crime denied comment because their lives were threatened by the perpetrators. The assailants stated to the women, "If you go to the police about this, we will come back and kill you." Information about this burglary came from an anonymous source.

On Thursday, December 2, 2004 the home of Shonie and Andee De La Rosa was burglarized between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Once again the front door was bashed in and the home was ran-sacked. The burglars got away with electronic equipment and jewelry valued at \$10,000.00. Among the jewelry that were stolen was a concho belt and bracelet set that had been in the family for generations. "I'm upset about everything that is gone, the concho belt and bracelets that were stolen really upsets me, they have been in our family for a long time." said Andee De La Rosa. "It really is disturbing to know that you work so hard to acquire the physical things you want in your life and someone who's most probably unemployed, a high school drop out, or an alcoholic/and or drug addict comes along and takes it all from you in a matter of minutes," said the De La Rosa's.

"We tend to look away until a crime is committed against us. Many parents and family members are aware of what their child is doing. As a result, the parents are contributing to theft as well, by not reporting the crimes their children are or have committed. Young adults that drop out of school have few opportunities. Those who drop out from school before graduation do not have constructive places to turn. Drugs become available, whether it is alcohol from a bootlegger, or drugs. In our remote area, it is available. These areas are not addressed in the home until a crime is committed and becomes a concern of the courts." stated Andee De La Rosa.

Kayenta Today approached Sergeant Claw of the Kayenta Police Department for a statement about these burglaries, the similarities they have and what the Kayenta Police Department is doing about the problem. Sergeant Claw had no comment and directed Kayenta Today to the Records Department for burglary statistics. Statistics are nice to have but, unfortunately burglary statistics will not stop these burglaries from causing further grief, damage, physical assault and / or death among some of the community members of Kayenta.

"With the holidays approaching, many people will be out of town visiting families, I suspect a lot of homes in Kayenta will be burglarized during this time. What really worries me is the elderly that live alone. What will happen to them if these burglars target their homes? I, myself don't feel safe to leave my home alone anymore, because I feel that the burglars will return and steal some more," said Yvonne Reed.

Anyone with any information about these burglaries is strongly encouraged to contact the Kayenta Police Department immediately at (928) 697-5600. Kayenta is our community, it is our responsibility to keep it safe for everyone. Please have a safe and happy holiday season.

How You Can Help

To phone in a tip on a crime or a possible crime, simply call (928) 697-5600 or 911. Don't tell your name. No one will know it. Just tell what you know or suspect and report the crime that is being committed. Report anyone who is trying to sell you jewelry or electronics out of a bag or vehicle. Stolen property is usually sold at a very cheap price.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is made up of community members who take the initiative to help prevent crime in their neighborhoods. Participants keep an eye out for their neighbors and their homes by taking note of unusual activity and reporting the proper information to the authorities in the event of a crime. The Neighborhood Watch program is led by active community members.

Police Crime Tips

To protect the public safety of all community members of Kayenta, our Navajo Police Department cannot do it without the eyes and ears of you-the community. The following tips will help to make you and your family safer while you also help protect our community.

At home?

Lock your doors and windows when leaving your residence. Most residential burglaries occur during the daytime. Know who is at your door before opening it. Consider installing peepholes in all entryway doors. Mark your property with an identification number or your name, that way it can be traced ONLY to you if it is stolen.

Remember the three L's of Crime Prevention

LIGHTS, LOCKS & the LAW! Light up your residence, lock

lock your doors at all times, and call the Law when you see something suspicious

Going out of town

When leaving town, have a trusted friend or neighbor take care of your home. Never let newspapers pile up outside. If you will be away for an extended period arrange to have a neighbor stay at your home. If you can, also have them move your car in the driveway so it appears you are still coming and going as usual. Keep your home well lit outside as well as inside.

Victimized

- Remain calm. Try not to panic or show any signs of anger or confusion.
- If the attacker is after your property, don't resist. That watch, car, money - whatever is replaceable - YOU ARE NOT!
- Don't escalate this crime into a violent encounter. NEVER let your assailant take you to another location. Your chance of survival is slim.
- Make an effort to get an accurate description of your attacker: age, sex, race, complexion, body, build, height, weight, type and color of clothing.
- Call the police immediately, identify yourself and give your exact location. Do not leave the scene.
- When you call 911 you will be asked several questions by the Call Taker. Be patient. While you are answering their questions they are keying in your information and dispatching the next available car.

Any information you can provide to the dispatcher may help the officer en route to your call with apprehending the suspect.

Be ready to provide the following information:

- Your Name
- Location of home
- Phone Number
- What Happened? Describe the event in as brief manner as possible.
- When Did it Happen? Tell if the crime is in progress or when it occurred.
- Who Did It? Name or describe the suspect or vehicle, if there is one.
- Where Did They Go? Which way and how did they leave?

Wait for the officer to arrive. The time it takes for an officer to arrive will depend on many factors. All calls are prioritized by emergency status. When the officer arrives they may ask you questions similar to those asked earlier. Please be patient so the officer can help you.



MONUMENT VALLEY

Mustangs

2004-2005 Girls & Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponents	BFR/GFR	GJV/BJV	GV/B
Sat	Nov. 20, 2004	@ Round Valley (Scrimmage)	3pm/1pm		
Tue	Nov. 30, 2004	Page	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Th-Sat	Dec. 2-4, 2004	@ Page-NGS Tournament-Girls	TBA/		
Th-Sat	Dec. 2-4, 2004	@ Winslow Tournament-Boys	TBA		
Thu	Dec. 2, 2004	@ MV-Utah	4:30/3:00	6:00/7:30	---/---
Tue	Dec. 7, 2004	@ Shiprock	5:30/4:00	7:00/4:00	5:30/7:00
Sat	Dec. 11, 2004	@ Blue Ridge	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Dec. 14, 2004	Round Valley (girls)	---/--- 3:00/---	4:30/---	
Fri	Dec. 17, 2004	@ Window Rock (boys)	4:00/---	---/5:30	---/7:00
Th-Sat	Dec. 16-18, 2004	@ Winslow Tournament-Girls	TBA/---		
Sat	Dec. 18, 2004	Round Valley-Boys	1:00/---	---/2:30	---/4:00
Tue	Dec. 21, 2004	@ Holbrook	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Su-Th	Dec. 26-30, 2004	@ Greenway Tournament-Boys	/TBA		
Tue	Jan. 4, 2005	@ Tuba City	6:00/4:30	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Fri	Jan. 7, 2005	Winslow (homecoming)	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 8, 2005	@ Window Rock-Girls	---/3:00	4:30/---	6:00/---
Tue	Jan. 11, 2005	Pinon	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Jan. 13, 2005	@ Ganado	4:30/3:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 15, 2005	Hopi	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Jan. 18, 2005	@ Greyhills	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Fri	Jan. 21, 2005	@ Winslow	6:00/7:30	4:30/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 22, 2005	Window Rock	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Jan. 25, 2005	@ Pinon	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Jan. 27, 2005	Ganado	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Sat	Jan. 29, 2005	Tuba City	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tue	Feb. 1, 2005	Greyhills	3:45/5:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Thu	Feb. 3, 2005	@ Hopi	1:30/12:00	3:00/4:30	6:00/7:30
Tu-Wed	Feb. 8-9, 2005	3A North-1st Round Playoffs	TBA/TBA		
Fri-Sat	Feb. 11-12, 2005	3A North-Semi/Finals @ Winslow	TBA/TBA		
	February, 2005	3A State Tournament to be announced	TBA/TBA		

MVHS Home Games – Old Gym-Frosh Boys @ 3:45pm, Frosh Girls @ 5:00pm
 SAC GYM-JV Girls @ 3pm, JV Boy @ 4:30pm, Varsity Girls @ 6:00pm, Varsity Boys @ 7:30pm

2004-2005 Wrestling

DAY	DATE	MEET	WEIGHT INS
Tues.	Nov. 16	@ Ganado – Weight Certification	11:00am
Tues.	Nov. 23	@ Camp Verde Multiples	1:30pm
Wed	Dec. 1	@ Tuba City Multiples	12:00pm
F/S	Dec. 3 & 4	@ Camp Verde Tournament	TBA am
F/S	Dec. 10 & 11	@ Santa Cruz Invitational, Eloy, AZ	TBA
Wed	Dec. 15	@ Camp Verde Multiples	2:00pm
Fri	Dec. 17	@ Holbrook Multiples	11:00am
Weds	Jan. 5	@ Window Rock	TBA
F/S	Jan. 7 & 8	@ Round Valley Tournament	TBA
Wed	Jan. 12	@ Joseph City Multiples	TBA
F/S	Jan. 22 & 23	@ Page Tournament	TBA
Tues	Jan. 25	MVHS Multiples	1:00pm
Sat	Jan. 29	@ Snowflake Multiples	TBA
Fri	Feb. 4	3A North Regional Wrestling Meet	TBA
		@ Tuba City High School	
F/S	Feb. 11 & 12	3A State Wrestling Meet	TBA
		@ Phoenix, AZ	



Tips for Preventing Injuries during the Holidays

The holidays are an exciting and busy time, filled with feasting, celebrating, exchanging gifts, and visiting family and friends. But with all the joys of the holiday season come potential safety hazards that can cause injury and even death. Help prevent injuries by following these tips.

Deck the halls...safely.

- Place Christmas trees and other greenery away from fireplaces and radiators. Keep tree stands filled with water—dried out Christmas trees are a fire hazard.
- Check each set of tree lights for frayed wires, broken bulbs, and loose connections. Throw away damaged sets. Never string more than three sets of lights on an extension cord, and never run cords or strings of lights behind drapes or under carpets. Turn lights off when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Place lit menorahs and other candles away from decorations and drapes. Place candles out of children's reach and where pets can't knock them over. Blow out all candles before going to bed or leaving the house.
- If you have small children, avoid sharp or breakable decorations. Keep tinsel and other small trimmings out of children's reach. Avoid using decorations that look like candy or food—they may tempt a child to eat them.
- Use caution when decorating with spun-glass "angel hair" or "bubble lights." They can cause injury if they are swallowed. Only use spray snow that's labeled nontoxic.
- Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed. Poinsettias can cause stomach irritation in humans, and they can make pets very sick.

Shop 'til you drop.

- Help keep your children safe while shopping.
- Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- Keep children under age 4 in a stroller or supervise them closely.
- If you place your child in a shopping cart, always use the safety belt. Stay close to the cart. Never let your child stand in or push a shopping cart.
- Don't be an easy victim for violent crime.
- Stay alert at all times and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Park in a well-lit space away from decorative bushes. Lock your car, roll up the windows, and hide packages in the trunk or under a blanket. Be especially alert in parking decks and underground garages.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Have your car keys in hand before heading to the parking lot.
- Be careful when riding on escalators.
- Make sure no one in your group has loose shoe laces, drawstrings, scarves, or mittens that could get trapped in the escalator.
- Hold your child's hand, face forward, and keep feet away from the edge of the steps.
- Never bring strollers, carts, or walkers on an escalator.
- Where possible, cross the street at designated crosswalks. Before you step off the curb, make sure approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

The joy of giving.

- Make sure the toys you give children are safe for them. Read package labels and follow age recommendations.
- Do not give children under age 3 toys that contain small or metal parts or toys that break easily.
- Do not give children under age 8 toys that have sharp edges, points, or heating elements.
- Avoid toys that shoot small objects into the air.
- Avoid toys that make loud or shrill noises.
- Include helmets and other protective gear (such as elbow, knee, and wrist pads) when giving bicycles, skates, or skateboards.
- If you're considering buying your child a BB or pellet gun, make sure your child knows the proper way to use it. Supervise your children when they use these guns.

- Do not throw gift wrappings in the fireplace. They can cause a flash fire. Throw away all toy packaging right away so it doesn't become a choking or suffocation hazard.
- Keep batteries away from children. They are toxic if swallowed.

Over the river and through the woods...

- When you leave the house, turn off all tree lights and blow out all candles.
- Buckle your seatbelt every time you drive or ride in a car. Whether you're traveling by car or plane, make sure your child is buckled in a safety seat, booster seat, or seatbelt.
- Avoid driving in snowy or icy weather. If that's not possible, drive slowly. It takes longer to stop on wet or icy roads.
- Remember that homes you visit may not be child-proofed. Ask to move breakable or dangerous items out of children's reach. If the host's home has stairs, bring a safety gate.
- When staying overnight, bring outlet covers and check that cabinets are free of toxic items or have safety latches.
- When visiting friends or relatives who have a dog, let the dog sniff you before you try to pet it. Do not leave your child alone with the dog.
- Never drive after you drink or use drugs.

Eat, drink, and be safe.

- When hosting a holiday party or feast, follow some basic safety tips to prevent injuries.
- Turn handles of pots and pans on the stove inward so children can't reach them. Use the back burners, if possible.
- Keep knives and other sharp utensils away from children.
- Keep hot foods and drinks away from table and counter edges.
- Never hold a child while you're carrying hot foods or drinks or while you're cooking.
- Offer plenty of nonalcoholic drink alternatives. Keep all drinks—alcoholic or not—away from children.
- Do not place candy, chocolates, or other treats within children's reach.
- Clean up right after a meal or party. Children can choke on leftover food or be exposed to alcohol or tobacco.
- Don't let any of your guests drive home if they've been drinking.

Many of the deaths and injuries that occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are directly related to holiday festivities. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 598 people died in traffic crashes during Thanksgiving weekend in 1998. On the days surrounding Christmas that year, 364 died; 545 died on or around New Year's Day. About 50 percent of these deaths were related to alcohol. The number of crash-related injuries is much higher. In 1997, in just one state, 920 people were injured in traffic crashes during the Thanksgiving holiday, and 778 were injured at Christmas.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season,

- The Kayenta Township



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Puppies Rescued by KTC

On Monday December 6, 2004, five abandon puppies were rescued from the culverts by the Mac Donald's restaurant in Kayenta. The puppies were found by Catherine Blaha of the Arizona Department of Economic Security in Kayenta. "I stopped by Mac Donald's to get something to eat and to feed the local stray dogs that tend to hang out at Mac Donald's. I had noticed one dog in particular that was constantly running back to the culverts," said Catherine. Catherine decided to investigate, when she looked into the culvert she had noticed that the dog was tending to her puppies inside the culvert.

"We had recently gotten a pretty good snow a few days ago and the snow was melting and beginning to run into the culvert. The puppies were so far inside that they were inaccessible," said Catherine. She immediately contacted an animal shelter

group in Phoenix about the situation, and in turn the group contacted Franklin Ramsey, the Director for the proposed Kayenta Animal Shelter.

Ramsey organized a rescue with the Kayenta Township Engineering Department's Ron Watch and Kee Carl Jr. A separate rescue was attempted by some students of Monument Valley High School, but the rescue was not successful. The culvert was full of water and mud, and had left the puppies stranded on a small mound of dry sand. It was inevitable that someone was going to have to physically dig out the mud and crawl into the culvert.

On December 6, 2004 at approximately 12:30 pm, Franklin Ramsey and the Kayenta Engineering Department began the rescue. The rescue took nearly three hours, a lot of mud and water had to be moved in order to climb into the culvert and rescue the puppies.



The puppies are now in the care of Catherine Blaha. "We have people that are waiting to adopt these puppies, they will be ready to go to their new homes in about three weeks," said Catherine.

Kayenta, as well as the rest of the Navajo Nation have a serious over population of dogs and cats. "People really need to get their dogs and cats fixed, doing this will drastically reduce the animal population here in Kayenta, as well as the Navajo Nation," said Ramsey.

Boys and Girls Club Closed Again



On Monday, December 6th, all Boy and Girls Club of Navajo across the Navajo Nation have once again closed. An undisclosed source that had contacted Kayenta Today has revealed that the Memorandum of Understanding has not been completely negotiated and signed by the Boys and Girls Club of Navajo and the Navajo Nation. Kayenta Today spoke with some of the members of the Boys and Girls Club in Kayenta, many of the members are very upset.

"We as club members would like to know why. Why we have to shut down? We feel that we have made our club look bad, even if it is not our fault, we still feel bad. What do we tell our community, because this has already happened before and to the youth of the Navajo Nation who attend the clubs," said a member.

Hopefully the issue will be resolved within a week, if not, it could be as long as 1-3 months before the Boys and Girls Clubs of Navajo reopen.

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Tribal Members and Citizens Protest San Francisco Peaks Snowbowl

Flagstaff, AZ – Concerned citizens and tribal members gathered on January 2nd at the base of the San Francisco Peaks in Northern Arizona to protest a ski resort plan to expand and make snow with wastewater. About 30 people held signs and sang traditional Navajo songs while hundreds of cars filled with skiers and snowboarders came down the mountain from the Arizona Snowbowl.



Two boys hold a sign during the protest in Flagstaff.

“We are here to let people know what the ski area is trying to do to this sacred mountain, we want to bring in the New Year with respect!” said Jeneda Benally of the Save the Peaks Coalition. “We are not here to tell people what they can or can’t do, we want people to know that there are respectful uses of the mountain and snowmaking with 180 million gallons of contaminated wastewater and clear cutting 74 acres is certainly not one of them.”

The Save the Peaks Coalition, which coordinated the event, was created February 2nd 2004 to address human rights and environmental justice issues with the proposed development.

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Western Navajo Agency Inauguration



Navajo Nation President, Joe Shirley at the Western Navajo Agency Inauguration. Pages 6-7

A New Town Hall for Kayenta Township



Former Navajo Nation President, Peterson Zah addresses Kayenta community members at the Kayenta Town Hall Dedication.

Kayenta community members and invited guest joined the Kayenta Township to celebrate the dedication of its new 2700 square foot Town Hall on January 10th, 2004.

Kayenta Unified School District Superintendent, William L. Allbrooks had the honors of being the Master of Ceremony for the dedication.

“I’m really quite excited to see this facility here in Kayenta. Most meeting facilities here in Kayenta are in high demand and are usually booked, the new Kayenta Town Hall will fill this gap.” said Allbrooks.

Allbrooks went on to state that the Kayenta Township, Chapter, Schools, and Clinic need to work together. The dedication today signaled a new beginning in this, working together for one common cause, to make Kayenta a better community.

“I have seen a lot of growth in this community in the past five years, this is one step. I see more to come.” said Allbrooks.

Kayenta Township Manager, Gary Nelson gave the welcoming address to the community and guest at the dedication. “I am honored to have everyone here today. It’s really good to have everyone working together. Our focus is what will get us to the next level. You are going to see the face of Kayenta change, Kayenta has the potential to become a community like Sedona.” said Nelson.

Nelson went on to say that, “There are still laws that need to be changed so Kayenta can go even further, we need to learn how to play the game of economics and work together to become one in order for our community to grow.”

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My Troubles with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

** The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kayenta Township*

My name is Richard Mike and I am a Commissioner of the Kayenta Township. I wanted to put my frustrations to paper – frustration with the very poor customer services by the Kayenta NTUA. Everything I write here is the truth as I know it and I don't have an axe to grind with the NTUA. As a matter of fact, I like most of the people who work there. Perhaps NTUA has a problem with commissioners or businesspersons but I don't think so. I believe that the simple truth is that they have no concept of customer service. I can't help but wonder if services for me are this bad, what's it like for other persons? For the general public, is NTUA services really as bad as I write here on these pages or is it just me? NTUA says it's me. If actions speak louder than words, then they've already made my point.

At first, I wanted to move one of my trailers off of Wetherill Heights and establish it next to the Burger King restaurant. I even paid ten thousand dollars to have a manhole constructed connecting the trailer into the sewer line immediately north of the Wells Fargo Bank. My original idea was to station a new bookkeeper's office next to the Burger King of Kayenta and the move would save on monthly rental payments. I also knew that the Kayenta Township Commission (KTC) passed an ordinance that basically said that all buildings within the parameters of the Hampton Inn, Burger King and Shopping Center had to have an Indian Architectural façade. I thought I could pass the ordinance by redesigning the front of the trailer and stucco it, giving it a "pueblo look". So I telephoned Royal Churchill who told me that he could move the trailer. We agree on a date in August. On the appointed day, nothing happened. So I telephoned a trailer-moving company from Farmington, New Mexico and we agree on another moving date. The trailer-moving company moved the trailer from the Wetherill Heights in October next to the Burger King restaurant at a cost of \$1,500.00. I have to make a comment here about competition and the nature of small businesses. One good thing about private businesses is that if you don't get services when you want it, you can always telephone the competition.

Nina Heflin, my business partner and significant other received a telephone call from the Kayenta Township Engineering Department, "You need to remove that trailer next to the Burger King restaurant as it doesn't meet the Indian Architectural standard". So Nina informed me of this message and I told her, "I know about the ordinance and I will stucco the trailer". Nina retorts back to me, "You're a member of the Commission so you should be an example of upholding your own rules". Therefore, I telephoned back the Farmington trailer moving company and told them that they had to move the trailer again. So another \$1,500.00 dollars later, I had the trailer moved to my daughters home-site lease – it's early November now.

I went to the NTUA and signed a work order form for the installation of two electrical poles and two security lights on September 22, 2004.

I have to break in again and briefly change the subject. I believe that the majority of the Navajo people believe that our institutions are run by Indian people seeking job security and are not customer focused at all; that's why they cannot met their own deadlines.

They want a government job so they can earn annual leave, sick leave, and vacation. It's a job, not a career! Add to this, the fact that most of our utility companies in the USA are monopolies, a market situation in which there is no direct competition. These firms are usually regulated by agencies of the state government, or as in our case, the Navajo Nation Council. There are few directly competitive products in a regulated monopoly and the Navajo Nation government restricts entry into the industry. However, in some states but not the reservation, a public utility must periodically seek voter approval to continue its service. We already know that our institutions don't work beforehand and yet we do the foolish thing and ask our institutional workers– why don't things work? Why are you late? What happens then is that we have to listen too all of their problems about why they can't serve us. The Navajo Police Department as an example, we already know that they have no budget, no jails and our Kayenta Prosecution Office burned down. You see, in my Burger King training, I was always taught that the customer doesn't care about my problems; they only want their hamburger served correctly, served hot and served now! He/she doesn't really care to hear your excuses. However, go to the NTUA, Police Department or any Navajo institution and you'll hear the saddest stories about why they can't serve you. I believe that most of us don't expect too much from them anyway.

In October, I considered a fence for security purposes for the two trailers that I had moved into my daughters home site lease. I contacted Tom Lee who told me that he could install a fence around the home-site but first; I should have the ground leveled. I thereafter went to the Chapter House and found out the procedures on renting the backhoe and Operator. The Chapter Secretaries were very nice and cordial as they informed me that I would have to pay in advance and I would have to pay in either a cashiers check or money order – no cash and no personal checks! So I guessed that I needed four hours of work with the backhoe. I went to the bank and got a cashier check made out to the Chapter House for rental of the backhoe. So now, as things stand, the Chapter would send down the backhoe with a driver two days hence to begin leveling my daughter's home site. At 8:00 am of the appointed day, - nothing! At 9:00 am – nothing! So I went back to the Chapter House and the secretary told me, "Yeah, we have the backhoe reserved for you but you never told us what time"? So we agreed to one hour hence, 10:00 am. At 10:00 am, I hear the backhoe and there's a knock at the door. I walked the Operator around the home-site and showed him where I wanted the land leveled. Later in the afternoon, I go to the back lot and saw that the driver has finished only a portion of the leveling project. Nothing happened the next day so I returned back to the Chapter House where I was told, "the driver worked for four hours and you ran out of time". I pay for another four hours and nearly get the leveling done. I went back to Tom Lee and he installed a fence for me around the property.

I returned to the NTUA and inquired, "Where are the Power poles"? The Customer Services Representative informed me that my daughter's home-site boundaries did not fit the land survey and I would have to get a clearance letter from the KTC Engineering Department. I went to the KTC and they immediately dispatched a survey crew and discovered that Tom Lee installed the fence 5 feet beyond the official survey boundaries. They sent a letter to the NTUA granting me approval to have the power poles installed. In the meantime, I contracted a plumber from Snowflake to install water and sewer lines. The contractor wanted to go immediately to the NTUA to have them approve his sewer and water line plans. Of course they didn't approve it and he had to go back to Snowflake and back to his drawing board. They also gave him some water and sewer-line forms to fill. I remember this visit to the NTUA because Bill Grandson said that I always "whined and cried".

I didn't say anything to Mr. Grandson. Maybe I whine and cry a lot because I expect the utility company to immediately start on a customer request. Again, I had to rent the backhoe and Operator and eventually, the water and sewer-lines were installed. I returned back to the NTUA and inquired again, "So, where's the power poles"? The Customer Services Representative again informed me that my daughter's home-site boundaries did not fit the land survey and I would have to get a clearance letter from the KTC Engineering

Department. I told her, "I already got a clearance letter and they, the KTC Engineering Department even hand carried it to this office". She said, "Well, I still don't have one"? So I went back to the KTC and received another clearance letter which I hand carried back to the NTUA Engineering Office. The NTUA Engineer returned to the home site with me and we discussed the desired poles. The Engineer stated to me that the poles would be installed on Monday, November 28, 2004. On Monday, nothing happened. Two weeks passed and nothing happened.

So I returned back to the NTUA in mid-December and I was told, "You didn't make a deposit or a work order". I told them, "I made a work order out on September 22nd". The Customer Sales Representative retorts, "Well, we still have no deposit"? I made out a check in the amount of \$3,869.70 on Tuesday, December 21, 2004. On Monday, January 3, 2005, the poles are trucked in and were laid out next to my daughter's home site. On Wednesday, January 5th, the poles were finally installed. Then on Thursday and Friday, the electrical lines were installed. In addition, on Friday, January 7th, I made my oath before a Judge in Tuba City that as a Commissioner, I would do my best to serve the Navajo people.

Here's what's bothering me. How does the NTUA get paid? In my business, if I don't serve the public, I will go hungry. I could never tell my customers to buzz off from September 22, 2004 to the present, January 7, 2005. That is four months. As a business person, I would have installed the electrical poles four months ago so that to the present, I would have collected four months of electrical charges as well as the security light rentals. Obviously, NTUA doesn't need me as a customer as a matter of fact, I don't think they liked seeing me in their office. So how is the NTUA getting paid? Are they getting federal subsidies? Are other members of the public getting the same treatment as me from the NTUA? Who does NTUA answer to? Obviously not the Navajo public?

In the meantime, I only have one more problem caused by the NTUA. All I have to do is contract an electrician to run the wires from the poles to the meter loop and from the meter loop to the trailers. My electrical contractor has already given up on me. He thinks that I'm a liar because I've already told him several times, "the Poles will be installed this week, and I'll call you as soon as they're in". I telephoned him this Friday, "You won't believe it but the poles and electrical lines are in"! He said, "Yeah....right!"



"How does the NTUA get paid? In my business, if I don't serve the public, I will go hungry. I could never tell my customers to buzz off."

- Richard Mike

Dedication continued from page 1**Former Kayenta Township Commissioner - Helen Bonaha**

The introduction of guests was done by former Kayenta Township Commissioner Helena Bonaha. Helena thanked everyone for attending the dedication and stated to the audience that the rumors going around stating that the Kayenta Township and Chapter are continually fighting and not working together are not true. "We have been working very closely with the Kayenta Chapter House and will continue to work together to help the community. I encourage everyone to attend Kayenta Township and Chapter House meetings. A lot can happen if we all work together." said Bonaha.

Bonaha also said, "Kayenta is on the 2005 priority list for a new hospital." The new hospital will be located on a 100 acre lot by the Kayenta Rodeo Grounds.

**Miss Western Navajo Agency, Sherrie Yellowman attended the dedication of the Kayenta Town Hall.**

Speaker for the dedication was Kayenta Chapter President, Albert Bailey. Bailey was actively involved in the planning of the Kayenta Township in the 1980's. "This is a great way to take the right step into the New Year. Kayenta is on the map because of our past leaders, we need to believe and support our leaders." said Bailey.



Kayenta Chapter House President, Albert Bailey addresses Kayenta community members at the Kayenta Town Hall Dedication.

Bailey went on to state, "I have seen a lot of our younger community members attending Township and Chapter meetings, they are our future leaders, and they will help mold our future. We need the support of our younger people, they are the infrastructure of our community."

Bailey also noted that the Kayenta Township and the Kayenta Chapter House are at the same level and that they will continue to work together. "I like what I have seen with the Kayenta Township, Kayenta is a community and people to be self determined, as long as we continue to work together, we will go very far." said Bailey.

**Kayenta Town Manager, Gary Nelson**
"Our focus is what will get us to the next level"

Former Navajo Nation President, Peterson Zah was the Keynote Speaker for the dedication. Zah addressed the crowd with the memories of 1984 when the Kayenta Township was in its planning phase.

"In 1984 Albert Bailey and other leaders from Kayenta met with me to discuss the idea of Kayenta becoming a township and creating a government to accomplish things in the community that the Chapter House was unable to do." said Zah.

**Former Navajo Nation President, Peterson Zah**

"Chapter houses may be out living their usefulness, maybe what we need is to shift into second gear and have Navajo communities self govern themselves. We have non Indians that work in our communities and own businesses, this is a really good opportunity to have a local government such as the Kayenta Township to work with them to improve community development." said Zah.

Zah also gave thanks to Elwood Sagony for his thirty plus of years of service to the community of Kayenta.

"Chapter houses may be out living their usefulness, maybe what we need is to shift into second gear and have Navajo communities self govern themselves."

-Peterson Zah

**Kayenta Township Commissioner, Charles Young**

Closing remarks were given to the audience by Kayenta Township Commissioner, Charles Young. "This is my third term in the Kayenta Township Commission, and I am happy to come back and contribute to the community. We need to move forward and exchange ideas in order for our community to grow." said Young.

Young also went on to say, "We have a lot to celebrate, we have achieved national recognition with an award from Harvard University. We will always have to believe in one thing, "Respect". With respect we can achieve anything."

**Kayenta Township Construction Crew, left to right: Dever Nash, Virgil Dalton, Jonny Beyale, Kayenta Town Manager Gary Nelson, and Calvert Schnally.**

Construction of the Kayenta Town Hall began in mid August 2004. "It turned out great! We had very few obstacles and any that rose, we over came." said Kayenta Township Carpenter, Virgil Dalton.

Dalton went on to give recognition to his fellow co-workers that also worked on the project. "Denver Nash, Jonny Beyale, Calvert Schenally, and Tom K. Yazzie contributed so much in this project. They are really great workers. Everything that was asked of them, they did very well."

"There was some negative talk from a few people in the community, but we didn't let that bother us. We kept on working knowing we were making something great." said Dalton.



The original dimensions of the Kayenta Town Hall were originally 30 feet by 34 feet, but Kayenta Town Manager, Gary Nelson knew it had to be larger to accommodate the number of people projected to attend township meetings and other community event, so Nelson decided to have the town hall enlarged to 34 feet by 55 feet.

The Kayenta Town Hall consists of a large meeting room for monthly township meetings, men and women restrooms, and a smaller meeting room to accommodate other smaller meetings.

Fire Destroys Kayenta Office of the Prosecutor



On December 13 2004, the Kayenta Fire Department and the Kayenta Police Department responded to a fire at Kayenta's Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor. The Kayenta Police Department stated that the fire may have been caused by an electrical problem in the main electrical box, but is still under investigation.

Juvenile Presenting Officer, Kee Yazzie Mann stated, "Indian Health Service warned our office that our facilities were contaminated with asbestos and that the facilities pose a health hazard to the people that work there."

The Kayenta Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor was fourteen feet by sixty feet trailer that was once Kayentas Norwest Bank a number of years ago is a total loss. "This fire affects a lot of cases. We had over 2000 pending case and well over 300 pending juvenile cases." stated Prosecutor Dortha Denetsosie.

Kayenta Senior Police Officer John Silas Jr. had 5 Navajo Nation police recruits help with the clean up. Thousands of critical papers, burnt and wet from the ordeal were gathered up and put into boxes and plastic bags. "We have to go through all these papers, organize, and salvage what we can, it will be a time consuming process." stated Kee Yazzie Mann.

Kayenta Police Department Suffers Minor Fire

Around 7:00 pm on December 28, the Kayenta Police Department experienced a small fire. Detention Officer Johnson Holiday smelled something burning, and went to investigate. Holiday asked other personnel in the building if they could smell smoke. The interior of the building was checked, but no fire was discovered in the building.

Holiday decided to check the exterior of the building, upon checking the north end of the building, Holiday discovered smoke coming from the air conditioning/heating unit outside.

Navajo Nation Acting Chief Prosecutor Roger Shirley and Prosecutor Lorenzo Shaw immediately left Window Rock this morning to Kayenta to survey the fire damage at the Kayenta Prosecutor's office. Upon arriving to Kayenta and after surveying the damage, they met with Kayenta Township Manager Gary Nelson.

"We, the Kayenta Township have stepped up to help in this time of crisis for the Prosecutors Office. We will work with the Prosecutors Office to provide temporary office space until another building is provided for the Prosecutors Office. This is a perfect situation to demonstrate how a local government, such as the Kayenta Township, vested with local empowerment authority can step up in a time of need." said Gary Nelson.

The Kayenta Township recently committed \$600,000 towards the construction of new police department and detention center facilities in Kayenta. The public Safety Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has also made a commitment to come up with another \$600,000.00 in matching funds to assist the Township in constructing a 4500 SF Police Department, and a 6000 SF Detention building.



The Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department was immediately called after the detection of smoke in the building. The Kayenta Police Department was immediately evacuated, detainees were removed from holding cells and put in Police vehicles that were parked at a safe distance in front of the Kayenta Criminal Investigation building.

Personnel from the Kayenta Police Department armed with fire extinguishers were in the process of putting out the fire when the Kayenta Fire Department arrived. Response time for the fire department was very prompt, arriving at the scene less than 5 minutes after the call was made.

The Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department had the fire extinguished within 30 minutes. Fire fighters determined the cause of the fire was due to a short in the air conditioning/heating unit that was located on the north side of the building.

Kayenta EMT personnel were on the scene to check Kayenta Police Department personnel and detainees for smoke inhalation. Fortunately no one was injured or

After reviewing the construction budget, the numbers will have to be increased by \$150,000 from both the township and the Public Safety Division to raise an additional \$300,000 towards the project thus raising the total project budget to \$1,500,000 for Phase 1 of the Kayenta public safety complex development in Kayenta. Phase 2 and 3 will comprise of a new criminal investigation and judicial court building.

"Now that the Prosecutors Office is without a office, they will now be included in the Phase 1 Kayenta Police Department and Detention Center plans." said Gary Nelson. Phase 1 development will start in March 2005, immediately after the completion of the architectural and engineering design

"For all the Kayenta Township has done for us in this time of crisis goes to show what a local government initiative is all about. A centralized Judicial Complex is a great idea it would save a lot of time to have everything in one centralized location." said Lorenzo Shaw.

The Kayenta Prosecutors Office has already begun moving into the temporary office provided by the Kayenta Township.

"We, the Kayenta Township have stepped up to help in this time of crisis for the Prosecutors Office."

- Gary Nelson
Kayenta Town Manager



suffered smoke inhalation in the incident.

Navajo Nation Risk Management and Facility Maintenance arrived Wednesday morning to survey the damage. Estimate of the fire damage is at \$10,000.00. Due to the rain, Navajo Nation Facility Maintenance made temporary repairs to the roof to prevent further water damage to the building.

The building in which the Kayenta Police Department is housed in is well over 20 years old and is in dire need of replacement. The Kayenta Township is in the process of designing the new Public Safety Complex which will include facilities for the police department and the Office of the Prosecutor. Additional facilities within the new Public Safety Complex include a detention center and later phases of development will include a court house and criminal investigation building.

This is the second fire in Kayenta this month which has claimed a judicial building. In the early morning hours on December 13, the Kayenta Office of the Prosecutor had caught fire due to electrical problems.

Kayentas Capital Improvement Project Plan Approved

Indian country communities all across North America are different than the majority of rural America in that it's traditional for Anglo and other non-Native American people to leave their hometowns seeking education, often not returning but headed for the big city once they have finished with their education. Native American communities have higher population growth rates as our young people are beginning to seek education and employment right on the reservation, build their homes, and raise their own families because of the ties filled with tradition.

The Navajo Nation population is just a little over 264,000 tribal members with 60% living within the reservation boundaries. With this kind of statistics it is vital to the local governments of each chapter within the Nation to create realistic goals and objectives to meet the demands and needs of community.

The Kayenta Chapter is fortunate that years ago people had the vision to create the Township organization and the support by the Navajo Nation government to allow a 5% sales tax. The revenue from the sales tax to the Township is the advantage other Navajo Nation Chapters do not have to use as leverage in community development. Within the organizational structure of the Township there is a Planning Department with a Grant Writer. In the planning and grant writing process for community building there are criteria for municipalities when requesting financial support to local, state, and federal government agencies.

First, there must be a "Need" identified and it has to have some formal record with public, private, and government involvement. The Kayenta Township has identified community "Need" with the recent "Needs Assessment" survey and from that developed a prioritized Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list. The CIP list was presented to the Kayenta Township Commission (KTC) at the regular scheduled monthly meeting on January 10, 2005 and it was supported with resolution by the commissioners.

The CIP list is identified and sorted according to what are construction ready, project ready, and planning phase projects. Projects that are selected according to a criteria based upon completed land withdraw, right-of-way & easements, Environmental Assessments (EA), Archeological Clearances, resolution-of-support, Architect & Engineer (A&E) plans & design, and full funding identified & secured a project is categorized as "construction ready".



Kayenta Township Grant Writer/Planner, Darren Snake completed the Community Needs Assessment which the CIP Plan is based on.

This CIP list identifies only development and construction of public service facilities to the community. The list is as follows;

Construct Ready Projects:

Airport access road
Sewer line extension behind Police Department
Fencing Township boundaries project
AZ – 1206 streets
Women shelter

Project Ready Projects:

Airport Master Plan / Kayenta Market Feasibility Study
Public Safety – Phase I
Hospital Infrastructure development
Animal control building
Head Start building
Skate-park / Recreational park
Kayenta Township Bus Route Loop Road development
Re-seeding project
Electric line extension to transfer station
Demolition of old buildings
Drainage study and plan

Planning Phase Projects:

Court building
Waste water treatment facility
Well and water storage tank
Incubator building
Street lights – 160
Public library
Nursing home
B.I.A Roads – N106
Wetherill Heights roads & infrastructure
Cemetery
Vocational & Higher Education building
War memorial
Natural gas
Access to TID
Chilchimbeto road
Fair grounds / multi purpose building
Broadband telecommunications / radio station
Kayenta Stockyard

There is great need for Capital Improvement Project (CIP) plans for immediate and future development of public service facilities, and many of these identified projects have had past effort but lack the concentrated drive to follow through completion and construction.

Now that there is a process with community and KTC support the Township direction is to use the CIP list as a guiding instrument for community development, building partnerships, and for the purpose of submitting grant applications. The Township would like the community to be aware that the list allows for change as our environment changes and opportunities come along that we may take advantage of in the future.

Kayenta is a Navajo community that will sustain itself with growth and meet the community needs through use of planning efforts and that is a very positive direction in the New Year 2005.

Snowbowl Protest

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The Arizona Snowbowl has proposed an expansion plan that would clear cut 74 acres for new runs, create new lifts, a snow play area, new lodges (including a Native American cultural center), and snowmaking with wastewater, which will be sold to the Snowbowl by the City of Flagstaff, that would require a 14 mile pipeline and a 10 million gallon wastewater storage pond.

Since the Snowbowl is part of the Coconino National Forest they are required to undergo a process that analyzes potential environmental impacts before any development is initiated. After the final environmental impact statement (EIS) is completed, the Coconino Forest Supervisor will make a decision if the development will go through or not.

Tribal officials, medicine people and concerned citizens charge that the Snowbowl, Forest Service and City of Flagstaff are disregarding Native American religious beliefs, public health issues with contaminated wastewater and environmental concerns.

"This development will be a severe desecration if it is to be allowed," Wahleah Johns from the Black Mesa Water Coalition said at the demonstration, "This Mountain is sacred to 13 tribes, how can it be ignored? They want to build a cultural center to say its ok, but you cannot desecrate a site to teach people how sacred it is, it's a horrible contradiction. If they put this sewer water on the mountain, what's going to happen to the animals, the medicinal plants and kids who play up there?"

The Flagstaff City Water Department claims that the wastewater water is clean enough to drink although recent findings by scientists have found Pharmaceuticals and hormones in the wastewater. The effects of endocrine disruptors on local plants and animals have not yet been determined and are still being studied.

"Flagstaff conveniently ignores the fact that so many people come year round from the reservations to shop and that many tourists come here to see native culture," Jeneda Benally said, "It looks like they care more about a seasonal business and skiers from Phoenix than us. We need to stand up and let our voices be heard!"

Last February Cora Maxx, aid to Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley Jr. stated at a press conference that she felt the issue was serious enough that a boycott of Flagstaff might be in order. In his comments to the Forest Service, President Joe Shirley Jr. stated "The San Francisco Peaks is the essence of who we are... The United States of America will commit genocide by allowing the desecration of the essence of our way of life."

Many Businesses in Flagstaff support snowmaking for the potential increased winter revenue, although Snowbowl is outside of city limits.

Coconino Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure is expected to issue her decision whether or not the ski area will be allowed to expand and make snow from wastewater in late January or early February.

There is also new feature documentary called "The Snowbowl Effect" that addresses the controversy. It is currently being screened across Arizona and can be seen at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock on Friday, January 14th at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For more information on the Save the Peaks Coalition and the documentary "The Snowbowl Effect" please visit: www.savethepeaks.org

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Is your New Year Resolution Realistic?

With the new year of 2005, some of us may be taking on a New Years resolution or two. Some of the resolutions we make may be for our health, family, environment, etc. What ever your New Year resolution may be, please be realistic and do what you can to the best of your ability as long as it's safe and healthy. Below are some suggestions for New Year resolutions.

Quit tobacco products, cigarettes, chewing tobacco

Smoking is a chronic condition that affects more than 46 million Americans. People who smoke are at risk of heart disease, cancer, and other smoking-related illnesses that cost more than \$50 billion annually to treat, and an additional \$47 billion in indirect costs from lost time at work and disability. Smoking is the single greatest preventable cause of death and illness in the United States. An estimated 420,000 people die every year from smoking-related illnesses.

The only way people can prevent these smoking-related illnesses is to quit smoking. Studies show that over 70 percent of adult smokers would like to quit, but only half of them have ever been urged to quit by their health care provider. Some people believe that using chewing tobacco or snuff is safer than smoking. There's no burning cigarette at your mouth or cloud of smoke--just a "dip" of finely-ground tobacco (snuff) placed between the gum and cheek or a "chew." In 1986, the U.S. Surgeon General concluded that the use of smokeless tobacco is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes or cigars, as these products can cause various cancers and non-cancerous oral conditions, and can lead to nicotine addiction.

The most serious health effect of smokeless tobacco is an increased risk of cancer of the mouth and pharynx. Oral cancer occurs several times more frequently among snuff dippers compared with non-tobacco users. The risk of cancer of the cheek and gums may increase nearly 50-fold among long-term snuff users.

Studies have shown that about 7% to 27% of regular smokeless tobacco users have gum recession and bone loss around the teeth. The surface of the tooth root may be exposed where gums have drawn back. Tobacco can irritate or destroy the tissue.

Quitting tobacco products will greatly increase your health. If you want to quit, there are many products on the market today such as gums, patches, and pills that can help reduce withdrawal symptoms that can help you quit. Consult your doctor or clinic for professional help.

Quit drugs and alcohol

Alcohol has long been a problem on the Navajo Nation, statistics on alcoholism on the Navajo Nation are horrifying. There is not a single person on the Navajo Nation that is not affected by alcoholism. Unfortunately, many of our close family members, children, grandparents, and friends battle with alcoholism everyday.

Drugs also plague the Navajo Nation, Marijuana has been a problem for quite some time, and unfortunately more highly addictive drug use such as cocaine and methamphetamine have begun to spiral out of control on the Navajo Nation.

Methamphetamine (also known as "G") use among Navajos has skyrocketed in the past two years and has shown no sign of decline. It is estimated that 25-30% of Navajos, male and female, ages 13-40 years of age have tried or are using methamphetamine.

The use of drugs and alcohol have never benefited the Navajo in any way. Alcohol and drugs destroy families, lives, and friendships. The majority of all crimes committed on the Navajo Nation are directed related to drugs and alcohol.

If you believe that you have a drug and/or alcohol problem, please seek professional help. There is help out there for you.

Loose weight, diet

Millions of people across the United States battle with their weight. Here on the Navajo Nation, it's no different. Mutton stands, fast food, flea markets, fried potatoes, and the infamous fry bread are hard to resist. The bottom line is that there is no magic pill that will take the weight off and keep it off forever.

Weight loss is a multi-billion dollar industry. Diets pills come and go new diets such as the Atkins and the South Beach diet claim great results. Unfortunately many people try these pills and diets only to give up time and time again. Some go even further with potentially risky surgeries such as Gastric Bypass and Liposuction to name a few.

Other unconventional methods of weight loss that is widely practiced include Anorexia in which people starve themselves to dangerously thin levels, at least 15% below their appropriate weight, and Bulimia in which people binge uncontrollably on large amounts of food-sometimes thousands of calories at a time-and then purge the calories out of their bodies through vomiting, starving, excessive exercise, laxatives, or other methods. Both of these methods are highly dangerous to your health.

If you want to loose weight, please do it safely and consult your doctor, clinic, or weight loss professional.

Clean your yard

All across the Navajo Nation there are areas of residence that are in need of serious attention. If we all took a little time to clean up our yards, hoe some weeds, haul away the old chiddy(s) imagine how much better our communities would look.

A clean yard will deter unwanted critters such as snakes, spiders, and mice that love a nice old vehicle, trash or wood pile to call home. What's even better is that you won't be so embarrassed about your yard next time visitors pay you a visit.

If you really feel up for a challenge, organize a day for your community to get together and pick up trash in the community. Navajo land is our land, it's our responsibility to keep it clean and presentable.

Neighborhood Watch

We all have had to deal with crime at one time in our lives. Crime on the Navajo Nation is increasing, and law enforcement can only do so much. Bootlegging, drug dealing, burglaries, assaults, gangs, and all types of illegal activity happen in our community's everyday.

We all can make a huge difference by becoming proactive in our communities. Some of our communities have been over run by bootleggers, drug dealers, and gangs. By becoming proactive, we can take our communities back and make them safe once again.

The simple act of watching your neighborhood for suspicious or illegal activity and reporting it to law enforcement can

make drastic changes.

To organize a Neighborhood Watch program in your community, contact your local law enforcement agency.

Spay or Neuter Pets

The importance to the Navajo Nation of lowering the over all number of animals is important due to the rising number of animal bites last year. Over 50 bites were reported last year at the Kayenta Clinic alone, this does not include the rest of the Navajo Nation. Spay/neuter of you animals helps the total life span of your pet and regular shots help them fight off the diseases spread by non-inoculated animals and the Navajo Nations stray population.

There is a current effort on the Navajo Nation to help in the cost and overall welfare of our animals. This is headed up by the Navajo Nation Livestock and Veterinary Program. Every year in January a meeting is held to decide what areas and towns will receive services and what outside groups will be working on the Navajo Nation. Last year Kayenta was privileged to have five of the groups come to Kayenta to provide services in a group effort. This effort helped tremendously with last year's animal population in Kayenta alone.

Community effort must be taken in order to continue the depletion of over population of animals on the Navajo Nation. The Kayenta Animal Control Service has arranged for a group called SNAP to come this year to help the community of Kayenta in these efforts. SNAP will be providing the services free of charge and the Kayenta Animal Control Service urges Kayenta and the surrounding areas to take full advantage of these services.

Please help your community help itself by taking a positive approach to spay/neuter this year.



Happy New Year!

Commissioners Goals for 2005

Kayenta Township Commissioners, Eugene Badonie and Richard Mike were asked by Kayenta Today, "As a Commissioner, what do you wish to accomplish for Kayenta for the New Year 2005?"

Richard Mike, who is co-owner of the Hampton Inn of Monument Valley, four Burger King restaurants on the Navajo Nation and in his 3rd term as a Kayenta Township Commissioner answered:

"There are three goals I would like to accomplish. First of all, I would like a 99-year lease for businesses, home sites, and churches. On the reservation, we use our homes only as shelter. Off the reservation, homes can be secured by liens, mortgages, easements, and other covenants because they gain equity over time. We have no equity on the reservation except for old Navajo jewelry (dead pawn) if you were lucky to keep some. Our homes are basically worthless under the current BIA regulations.

"The main reason for a government is the general welfare and safety of a community."

-Richard Mike



Second, the main reason for a government is the general welfare and safety of a community. I would like to see the seeds of a Kayenta Municipal Police Force and Kayenta Municipal Court. The Navajo Government is looking to the BIA to fund our police whereas the BIA is looking back to the Tribe to finance the police. All reservation residents have watched and waited for both the BIA and the Tribal government to do something. In the meantime, our jails have closed and brutal crimes, rapes, and murders escalate. Laws operate through people and institutions and become effective only when applied and enforced by them.

And last, I would like street signs with street names. This seems like an easy thing to do. Making street signs would force the Post Office to deliver mail to your home address. This would benefit the elderly, handicapped, and health related immobile persons. I think that we should name our streets after renown persons who presently and historically have developed and lived in Kayenta. Lee and Frank Bradley for example. Lillian and Keith Smith, Lois and John Benally, H.T. Donald, Reuben Heflin, John Zufelt, John and Louise Wetherill, Bernie Maher, Bailey (Albert) Street, Saganey (Elwood) Street. When I was a kid, I remember a few families that use to live "on the hill": Lena Big, Roy Gray, Arnold and Agnes Bradley, Joe Rock's family. Then there were some families that moved to Kayenta that made a difference like; Walter Begay and Daniel Peaches."



"This town is still small requiring strategic leveraging of sales tax revenues and procuring competitive grants."

-Eugene Badonie

Eugene Badonie, who is in his 2nd term as a Kayenta Township Commissioner answered:

"I would sure like to accomplish a whole lot, but each of us can only do as much with what revenue sources we have available. This town is still small requiring strategic leveraging of sales tax revenues and procuring competitive grants. So, I wish to be a big part of the team effort to accomplish what the township commission and chapter can work on together. Personally, I will work on bringing in more competitive funding for various projects and work together with other township commissioners in getting the team to focus on positive issues for the benefit of the community.

I also will work on bringing in an incubator where local artisans can sell their wares for additional revenues and diversification of business."

The First Meeting in Kayenta Town Hall



Kayenta Township Commissioners at the first meeting in Kayenta's New Town Hall

The Kayenta Township had its very first monthly township meeting in its new town hall on January 10th, 2005. Among some of the agenda items were:

Site Designation for the Kayenta Small Animal Shelter which will be located near the Laguna Creek bridge.

Site Designation for the Kayenta Church of Christ which will be located near the Navajo Housing Authority.

Approval of the Community Capital

Improvement Projects List.

The Kayenta Township Commissioners also drew straws to determine each others length of terms, also know as Staggered Term Lots. The Results are as follows:

Jimmy Austin - Four Years
Eugene Badonie - Four Years
Richard Mike - Two Years
Anthony Peterman - Two Years
Charles Young - Four Years



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From the reservations to Hollywood

AIFI celebrates another successful year

San Francisco: At any given time, in any given place, somewhere on the planet a film festival is most likely going on, none, however, as impressive and authentic as the American Indian Film Institute's Annual American Indian Film Festival. This year all expectations were met and many exceeded, as the highly anticipated 29th annual American Indian Film Festival unspooled November 6-13. From question and answer sessions at the festival's star studded premieres, to a packed house at The Palace of Fine Arts for the Motion Picture Awards Show on the final day of the festival, the highest of standards were met and even raised at one of the nation's longest running and most respected film festivals. From locations and logistics to the films themselves, the festival left exhausted moviegoers wanting even more by week's end, many of them leaving, knowing their only hope exists in the fact that there will be another festival next year. Many filmmakers, while taking some time to appreciate current success, of course, are already hard at work shooting and editing more stylish and award-winning film shorts, documentaries, exquisite animated shorts, as well as provocative and intriguing feature films for the 30th annual showcase.

As is its cinematic tradition, the American Indian Film Festival continues to nurture audiences with provocative selections and substantial topics from USA American Indian and Canada First Nation communities. Over 70 new works were included in this year's edition as the festival debuted short works, documentaries, animated shorts and feature films from some of industries most innovative and modern storytellers.

In addition to exciting nightly screenings at the UA Galaxy Theatre, 1285 Sutter Street (@ Van Ness) and The Palace of Fine Arts 3301 Lyon Street, as well as an Awards Show extravaganza, this year's festival highlights also included daily matinee screenings at the Galaxy Theatre, in addition to daytime Youth Educational Screenings and AIFI's Tribal Touring Program's Youth Film screenings.

The festival's November 6 Opening Nite excitement and buzz was unparalleled as the short film, Prayer for a Good Day, directed by Zoe Hopkins, in addition to two extremely powerful documentaries, A Tattoo on My Heart: The Warriors of Wounded Knee 1873, directed by Charles Abourezk and Brett Lawlor, and The Ghost Riders, directed by V. Blackhawk Aamodt and narrated by Benjamin Bratt all made their phenomenal debuts. Directors from all three films were in attendance. Zoe Hopkins addressed the audience prior to the screening of her film explaining its nature, which effectively addresses the subject of mid-life depression amongst men on today's reservations, as well as her inspiration for its completion, at the same time expressing her sincere and warm gratitude for being included in this year's festival. Charles Abourezk, Brett Lawlor and narrator Floyd Westerman were available to introduce their Wounded Knee documentary. Also, director V. Blackhawk Aamodt and actor Benjamin Bratt were on hand to introduce the insightful documentary, The Ghost Riders, a film following the Big Foot Memorial Ride, a 300-mile trek across the snow-covered plains of South Dakota, by a small group of young Lakota Indians during the month of December through the holidays. Following the screening of this award-winning documentary, both Aamodt and Bratt, the film's narrator, were available for a question and answer session, much to the delight of the opening night audience.

Tuesday night at the festival turned out to be a night of award winning classic premieres, including the debut of the 2004 American Indian Film Institute's winner for best documentary short, A Tribe of One, directed by Eunhee Cha. The night's headliner, On the Corner, a Canadian feature directed by Nathaniel Geary, featured the talents of Alex Rice in the title role of Angel and this year's best supporting actor, Gordon Tootoosis, for his role in the film. The film provided a timely glimpse into the world of drugs and teenage prostitution amongst native youth.

Another star studded night was in store for all festival goers on Wednesday night when the filled-to-capacity room was treated to a night of festival highlights which included the premiere of the provocative award winning live film short, Memory, directed by Cedar Sherbert and introduced by actress Tantoo Cardinal, as well as the riveting award winning Edge of America, directed and introduced by award winning, Chris Eyre. Also in attendance for the evening were the film's award winning actors Irene Bedard and Misty Upham. Edge of America explores the world of conflict between two cultures when an African American teacher reluctantly agrees to coach the girl's basketball team at a reservation high school. Response to the first night of American Indian Film Institute's annual Toy Drive benefiting American Indian Homeless Families in the Bay Area was overwhelming, with a large amount of gifts being generously donated by moviegoers.

Navajo Women Warriors, a film about Navajo women war veterans directed by Alice Carron, made it's timely debut on Thursday, Veteran's Day, at The Palace of Fine Arts. In addition, the animated short, Raven Tales, directed by Simon James, proved to be quite the visual spectacle and had fascinated moviegoers talking well into the night. Also, the American Indian Film Festival hosted the world premiere of the feature, The Reawakening, directed by Diane Fraher, which was met with an enthusiastic response. Actors Gordon Tootoosis, Mark Reed, and producer Elizabeth Obomsawin were in attendance.

Friday night lived up to its billing as: A Night of Law and Order, Reservation Style, with the world premiere screening of the Canadian feature, Distant Drumming, a North of 60 Sixty Mystery, a murder mystery directed by Dean Bennett. Award winning actors from the film, including Tina Keeper and George Leach, were in attendance. The feature, A Thief of Time, introduced by its award-winning director Chris Eyre, was faithful in keeping with the tone of excitement set on this eve to the final night of the festival.

Saturday night's climactic American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show was indeed special, and wrapped the audience in heightened appreciation to the wealth of Native American performing talent. In addition to awards honoring this year's American Indian Film Festival's highest achievements, this year's show treated the Palace of Fine Arts capacity crowd to magical performances from Native America's top talent. Faithful and eager fans witnessed stand out performances from singer/songwriter Pura Fé, classical violinist Swil Kanin, singer/songwriter/guitarist George Leach, comics James Junes and Ernie Tsosie III, comedienne Julie Bull, and the White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers.



Ernest Tsosie III, Gordon Tootoosis, and James Junes - San Francisco, CA

Awards show recipients included: Horizon Award, Misty Upham (Actress), Best Industrial, Plum Creek Reservoir (Steve Marks, Director), Best Music Video, Love Fades Away (Robert DeLeskie, Director), Best Public Service, G: Methamphetamine on the Navajo Nation (Shonie De La Rosa and Larry Blackhorse Lowe, Directors), Best Animated Short Subject, Raven Tales (Simon James, Director), Best Live Short, Memory (Cedar Sherbert, Director), Best Documentary Short, A Tribe of One (Eunhee Cha, Director), Best Documentary Feature, The Ghost Riders (Vincent Blackhawk Aamodt, Director), Best Supporting Actress, Irene Bedard (Edge of America), Best Supporting Actor, Gordon Tootoosis (On the Corner), Best Actress, Tina Keeper (Distant Drumming, a North of 60 Mystery), Best Actor, George Leach (Distant Drumming, a North of 60 Mystery), Best Director, Chris Eyre (Edge of America), Best Film, Edge of America (Chris Eyre, Director).

The 2004 29th annual American Indian Film Festival was sponsored by: Grants for the Arts, City of San Francisco (Platinum Reel Sponsor); Rudolph & Sletten, CA, (Platinum Reel Sponsor); Morongo Band of Mission Indians, CA, (Platinum Reel Sponsor); Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, CA; Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, CA; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, MN; Tule River Tribe, CA; LEF Foundation, CA; Fort McDowell Indian Community, AZ; Table Mountain Rancheria, CA; Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians, CA; Pechanga Indian Reservation, CA; Oneida Nation, NY; Screen Actors Guild; ABC Entertainment; CBS Television; Fox Entertainment Group; San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, CA; Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, CA; Ak-Chin Indian Community, AZ; San Francisco Bay Guardian; KQED TV-9; California Lottery; Wells Fargo Bank; The James Irvine Foundation; Zellerbach Family Foundation; and Lucasfilm Ltd..



Top Row: Tina Keeper, Best Actress; George Leach, Best Actor; Gordon Tootoosis, Best Supporting Actor; Misty Upham & Delana Studi accepting for Chris Eyre, Best Director
Middle Row: Best Industrial; Misty Upham & Delana Studi accepting for Chris Eyre, Best Film; Rhonda Larrabee & Eunhee Cha, Best Documentary Short
Bottom Row: Vincent Blackhawk Aamodt, Best Documentary Feature; Shonie and Andee De La Rosa, Best Public Service; Cedar Sherbert, Best Live Short; Misty Upham, Horizon Award

KAYENTA OFFICE COMPLEX. "TAKE TWO!"

by Rocky Tano

It's been an issue quite familiar to the agenda sheets of the Kayenta Township throughout the past few years. The Kayenta Office Complex is promised to offer courteous amounts of lease space to professional businesses anxious to contribute towards Kayenta's economy. Greater economic opportunities for both the businesses and consumers remain a primary focus in terms of foresight on behalf of the city Commission.

Bryce Holmgren of Queralt, Inc., and Kevin McAuliffe (Owner of the Kayenta Mobile Home Park) have joined forces to create Kayenta Commercial I, LLC. The newly established company plans to take the reigns of development and construction for this highly anticipated Office Complex. Holmgren assured the Commission at the December 13, 2004, township meeting, that the objectives between themselves and the Commission were in fact mutual.

"We feel that the goals are the same. We want to get people excited because they don't have to get up in the morning and have to worry about going to work in an old trailer. We need to get other great structures and companies in this town and help get Kayenta on the map," stated Holmgren.

The project now resides in the design and review stages which will then be presented to the review committee once certain discrepancies are ironed out. Such differences include finding a compromise relating to the legal issues surrounding Arbitration. Since the Kayenta Township (lessor) would be entering into a lease agreement with Kayenta Commercial I (leasee), members of both legal teams are faced with the reality that incase disputes arise, how should they be resolved? In this situation, the matter in question is which Arbitration law would be utilized, the (U.S) Federal Arbitration Act or the newly formed Navajo Nation Arbitration Act?

In the event that a disagreement or contract between entities are compromised due to whatever the reasons would be, the Arbitration route is often taken to avoid time consuming or expensive court hearings. Arbitration is an option that allows for both parties to then decide on Arbitrators who will then decide on the situation at hand. Once a decision is made, the terms are official and recognized in court if greater emphasis is needed to produce results.

Recently a compromise has been reached by the Kayenta Township and Kayenta Commercial I, outlining that since Federal Arbitration may not even prove valid since the lease is on Navajo Nation soil, the Navajo Nation Arbitration laws will then take effect.

Such compromises and clear understanding from the legal perspectives will lead to enhanced business relations; therefore, allowing the project to take its first few steps in a strong direction for Kayenta's business community.

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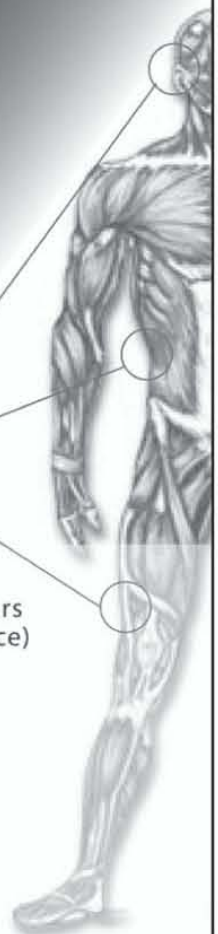
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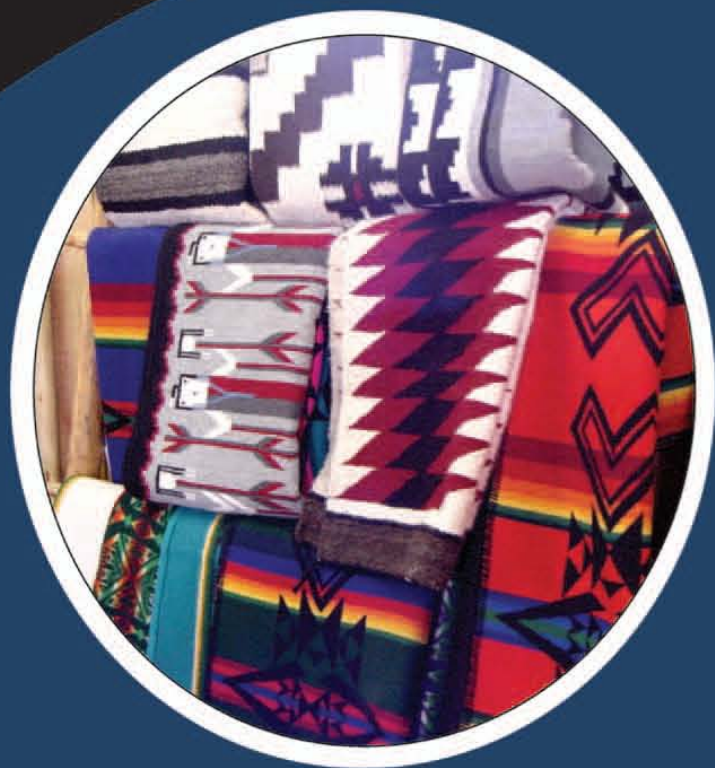
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(Above: Dennis Corsi of Armstrong Consultants, Inc., presents plans to members of the Township.)

On January 24, the Kayenta Township met with planners and engineers of Armstrong Consultants Inc from Grand Junction, Colorado about the new Kayenta Airport Master Plan.

The current airport was constructed in 1987 and is used primarily for general aviation use. Although it continues to serve general aviation use, its value as a way point for sightseeing traffic and economic growth has increased.

The Airport Master Plan describes the overall concept for the long term development of an airport.

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My Troubles with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

... The Saga Continues

** The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kayenta Township*

My Electrical Contractor telephoned me from Snowflake, Arizona on Monday, January 31, 2005. He told me that he hung up on the NTUA woman talking to him, he was so angry. I asked him, "So, what happened?"

He said, "Remember all the times you'd tell me that the electrical poles and lines would be set up so that I could go ahead and connect your trailers to the pole?" I said, "Yeah?"

He continued, "Well that made me real cautious so when I went to Kayenta, the first place I went too was to the NTUA to check the wires and other specifications they'd want. I took a chance and brought out the type of wire that we use here off the reservation. But it was the wrong type. So I went back to Snowflake to exchange the wire but before I went, I got more specifics on the "riser" and other equipment to house the electrical wires from the gal at the NTUA".

I inquired, "So, did you put in the wire?" He said, "Well you paid for the trenching so I laid in the wire." I told him, "I already had the trench covered up." He said, "Yes, I know but now the same gal I talked too said I put in the wrong wire." I told her, "I talked to you in person and you said to put in this particular type of wire? She told me that I had to put in another type of wire."

I got excited now and replied, "You mean that I'll have to dig up the trench again?" He said, "No, she wants the wire beginning from the top of the riser to where they connect too the NTUA lines. She told me that if I didn't change the wire, NTUA wouldn't connect the line.

That's when I slammed the phone down!"

Needless to say, he came out to Kayenta the first week in February and the NTUA turned on my electricity about the 3rd of February. Still, NTUA hasn't put in the security lights I requested on my work order of September 22, 2004.

I first published my woes with the NTUA service in the January issue of the Kayenta Today Newspaper. A number of persons congratulated me for the story and

I have to admit that I was surprised by how many. Even total strangers came up to me to relate a similar story and I would ask them, "Well, why didn't you write?" Many of them said a variety of answers from, "I can't write" to "What's the use?" To some of these persons that had the time to listen, I would tell them, "You know in my small businesses, I pay the Tribe a little more than two hundred thousand dollars a year to operate on the reservation. Do you think the Navajo Nation Council started NTUA so that they could make a small profit?" Most of the people didn't know.

I remember meeting the Council Speaker of the House, Mr. Lawrence Morgan and the Navajo President, Mr. Joe Shirley Jr. back in January in Phoenix before they were to go before the Arizona State legislator to beg for money. I was also thinking about the Gallup Independent article of February 5th entitled Tribal Leaders seek money, where Joe Shirley Jr. and Lawrence Morgan again addressed the New Mexico Round House begging for money.

NTUA is much much bigger than the four Burger Kings and the Hampton Inn that I own. If I pay between \$200,000. to \$250,000. annually to operate on the reservation, how much

does NTUA pay to the Tribe? If they pay several million dollars a year, which they should, then these payments must be a relief to both the Council Speaker of the House, Lawrence Morgan and Navajo President Joe Shirley Jr.

Understand that I am a Navajo business person and my expectations of the NTUA as far as making a profit for the Tribe (not NTUA), is not unrealistic. However, I have to question the services given to me beginning in September and culminating in February. That's almost 6 months for one customer. At that rate by my calculations, NTUA should be going broke. That gets me back to my original question – who is paying NTUA?



- Richard Mike

"If I pay between \$200,000. to \$250,000. annually to operate on the reservation, how much does NTUA pay to the Tribe?"



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Kayenta's Tohdenasshai Shelter Home to open soon

Tohdenasshai Shelter Home (TSH) is one of the first domestic violence shelters on the Navajo Nation and the only 24 hours shelter located on the Arizona portion of the Navajo Nation. TSH was founded in 1982 and has served hundreds of families of domestic violence on the Navajo Nation. The Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse, Inc. (TCAFA, Inc.) is a non-profit organization, which oversees the shelter program, and future projects that assist in decreasing family violence in our community.

TSH is preparing to move into a new 20-unit facility, which will accommodate twenty four emergency beds and eight transitional housing apartments. The project was funded by NAHASDA funds and private funding. The shelter campus also has a

daycare facility on-site. The project had been short funded but additional funds were acquired to finish the project and secure the building for victims of domestic violence to begin to occupy. NAHASDA provided \$75,000.00 in funding and the Kayenta Township matched the funds to complete the project.

TCAFA, Inc. board of Directors, Chairperson, and Darrell Cornford has stated that "We are grateful to the Kayenta Township for their support in assisting with funds to open the buildings."

The Tohdenasshai Shelter Home has a current staff of nine employees. The shelter operates 24 hours a day, year round. The program provides many services to the residents such as Domestic Violence education and



"The shelter's purpose and goals are to meet the physical and emotional needs of victims of Domestic Violence, to offer a secure shelter, and intervention/prevention services to decrease the incidence of Domestic Violence against women and children." - TSH Mission Statement



The new TSH facilities expect to open in six to eight weeks, TSH staff will be busy cleaning and organizing the facilities. A few minor repairs and some warranty work needs to be completed, as well as inspections need to be done before TSN can start accepting new clients into the new facility.

prevention, crisis-intervention, case management, goal planning, safety planning, lay-legal advocacy, court support, assisting with filing orders of protection, advocacy, and transportation to local resources. Other services the shelter provides beyond the shelter are facilitating the local Domestic Violence Task Force and Women's Support Group. Staff is available to provide training on domestic violence to the public and agencies in local and surrounding communities also.

"We are looking forward to moving into the new facility which will provide much needed space compared to our current shelter and more beds for women and children needing shelter due to domestic violence." said Shelter Director, Geraldine Laughter.

Future projects that TCAFA, Inc. would like to see in the near future is a children's receiving home and adolescent shelter due to the lack of services on the Navajo Nation and in our community. Many children who are displaced due to family violence are often placed in facilities located off the reservation and immediate placement is lacking. There is also the need for a shelter for teenage children who are displaced due to family violence. TCAFA, Inc. hopes to fill this void.

If you have any questions or would like more information please call 928-697-3635. Our 24-hour toll-free crisis hotline is 1-877-697-8591.



Uranium Mining Banned

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., on Tuesday told representatives of Eastern Navajo Dine' Against Uranium Mining and the Navajo Uranium Radiation Victims Committee that he would immediately sign legislation banning uranium mining on the Navajo Nation if approved by the Navajo Nation Council during its Winter Session.

"I am in support of the legislation (the Diné Natural Resources Protection Act), the President said. "A lot of our elders have been killed, and that's resulted in a loss of culture. In a sense, genocide has been committed on us because of the mining of uranium."

On Wednesday, the President sent a letter to Navajo Nation Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan and all 87 other Council Delegates urging their support for the proposed legislation.

"Passing this legislation is urgently needed," the President wrote. "Waiting to consider it until the Spring Session in April may be too late. The bill will accomplish in Navajo law an objective that I have advocated consistently since taking office two years ago: prohibiting conventional uranium mining and placing a long-term moratorium on uranium processing. On this issue, I concur with the grassroots — Leetso Dooda, K'ad."

Lynnea K. Smith, a representative of ENDAUM and one of 15 people to meet with the President regarding the proposed legislation, said the bill would ban open pit and shaft mining of uranium and place a moratorium on in-situ leach mining of uranium.

"It really is the sovereign right of the Navajo Nation to say, 'We're going to look after our water,'" she said.

She said that if uranium mining contaminated Navajo groundwater, it would be rendered unusable for hundreds of thousands of years.

Navajo Nation Council Delegate Alice Benally of Crownpoint said the principle reason for her serving on the council was to protect her community from the dangers of uranium mining.

"I'm very thankful to our President for his stand on this," she said. "This is why I'm here. His response has always been the same; that he supports us."

She said she agreed with President Shirley's contention that financial gain is why a handful of Navajo residents support uranium mining and are against the proposed Diné Natural Resources Protection Act.

"I agree with my shi'nali that money is the reason some allottees oppose this legislation," Ms. Benally said. "They must remember that the water belongs to everyone and we have a right to have pure, pristine water."

She commended the perseverance of ENDAUM members. Despite a lot of opposition to their efforts, "They continued to stand. They continued to prevail," she said.

"I can't say enough about the damage in our community," Ms. Benally said. "It's going to hurt our community if we don't oppose (uranium mining)."

J. Keith Killian, a partner in the Killian, Guthro & Jensen law firm who represents former uranium miners and downwinders seeking compensation through the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, said the centerpiece of the Bush Administration's Energy Plan is construction of new nuclear power plants which would require uranium.

"To me, it's beyond a cultural injustice," the President said. "I'm dead-set against uranium mining on Navajoland. I'd like to outright outlaw the thing. There's no cure for uranium radiation exposure. I'll do everything I can to get the legislation passed."





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N.A.S.A. Focus Group Gathers in Window Rock

Tribal representatives, concerned citizens, and formal and informal educators gathered in Window Rock to participate in a unique discussion to discover ways to use technology to encourage youth on the reservation to study math and science. About 30 people participated in the NASA Focus Group, which was conducted by ArtReach International and The Office of the Speaker. The Office of the Speaker began a partnership with ArtReach International, out of Herndon, VA to work with NASA to explore how to use electronic education and multimedia to encourage youth living on the reservation to pursue studies in aerospace and related technologies. ArtReach submitted a proposal to conduct a Focus Group on the Navajo reservation, and was one of 11 proposals chosen by NASA's Office of Education. All of the 11 proposals selected by NASA use science, technology, engineering, and mathematics resources to develop engaging experiences, materials, and information.

"The purpose of this Focus Group is to help NASA better understand the realities that educators working with youth in classrooms, and educators working outside formal classroom settings, are experiencing on a day-to-day basis within the reservation community. We are here to listen, to learn, and to share resources so that we might supplement one another's efforts to provide reservation youth meaningful learning experiences," said ArtReach Founder Alice Carron.

The focus group opened a dialogue that can lead to developing innovative programs using NASA-related resources. "These focus groups will truly help us understand the needs of the informal education community. The knowledge we gain will us to foster new learning environments that spark the interest and imagination of people from all segments of society," said NASA's Chief Education Officer, Dr. Adena Lotson.

out a call for educators and representatives of science centers, museums, libraries, youth groups, schools, and community-based organizations to participate in a unique meeting to identify ways to inspire youth living on the reservation to study aerospace and work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Since the announcements, there was a lot of buzz among educators and around the reservations schools regarding what the focus group meeting really is, and what the expected outcomes are. Our Office received many calls from parents who really are the first line of educators for every child. The response has been great, and we hope to give the topic and effort our best shot so that the benefit resources really do reach our isolated rural schools." Said Speaker Morgan

Speaker Morgan expressed his gratitude "to the educational experts and technicians who worked diligently to prepare [for the focus group] and provide a comprehensive snapshot of [the] Navajo education system" He commended their efforts "in establishing a culturally relevant education system" for Navajo youth. "We have the capabilities and resources to do research and training, and are equipped with the tools needed to perpetuate tribal language and culture. We all have a strong role in promoting educational opportunities for youth. We're all here for tribal youth."

Focus group participants identified needs and began to develop strategies to increase access on reservations to NASA assets (staff, research, technology, information, and facilities). The goal is develop strategies to help NASA reach parents and educators with limited resources through informal education. A summary of the Focus Group insights and findings will be posted on a website that will available in March 2005 at www.ArtReachStudios.com

Speaker Morgan continued:

"The Navajo Nation is committed to maintaining the cultural integrity of the tribe We are excited, but cautious. We must maintain our connection to Mother Earth and Father Sky. We must gain spiritual permission while we seek opportunities for youth from outside the four sacred mountains. I am confident that with our combined minds and energy we will put together a productive program. We are also interested in establishing research and internship opportunities for youth. We have much to offer to each other."

Initial meetings of Navajo participants took place in January at the Education Center in Window Rock. The NASA Explorer Institute Focus Group took place in Window Rock at the Dine Quality Inn on January 26 and 27th. Anyone who was unable to attend the Focus Group, but wishes to respond, is urged to complete a brief survey and return it to Alice Carron at: ArtReach PO Box 157 Herndon, VA 20172, (703) 834-1880 phone (703) 689-3337 (fax) or email at alicecarron1@msn.com. The local Focus Group contact who helped organize the meetings is Angela Barney-Nez, Staff Assistant, Office of the Speaker.

The Office of the Speaker and ArtReach International have previously collaborated on the production of the documentary film, "Navajo Women Warriors: Sani DezBah."

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- The Honorable
Lawrence T. Morgan,
Speaker of the Navajo
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"On December 19, 2004 our Office put

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The primary objectives of the Airport Master Plan are to develop an attainable phased development plan concept that will satisfy the needs of the airport in a safe, efficient, economical, and environmentally sound manner. The planning takes place at national, state, regional, and local levels which involves collecting data, forecasting demand, determining facility requirements, and developing plans and schedules.

Specific objectives of the Kayenta Airport Master Plan include:

- Clearly identify the present and future roles of the airport.
- Evaluate the potential demand for commercial service flights serving Monument Valley.
- Update aircraft activity forecasts for the airport.
- Refine the size and layout of commercial service and general aviation areas.
- Determine the preferred development alternatives for meeting airfield facility requirements and FAA safety and design standards.
- Provide a plan for improvement of the facility to accommodate increased usage and to meet current FAA airport design standards.
- Identify optimum landside uses, which will enhance the economic benefits of the airport and that are compatible with airside development.
- Prepare a schedule of development projects and reasonable cost estimates by which to implement the improvements.
- Develop realistic, phased development and maintenance plans for the airport.
- Provide an Airport Layout Plan drawing set in accordance with current FAA standards.
- Prepare an Environmental Overview for proposed development.
- Prepare a proposed, comprehensive Airport Standards Manual for the airport, which incorporates the necessary information and regulations for users of the airport.
- Prepare a compatible land-use and height restriction plan for the airport vicinity including recommended zoning protection within the airport influence zone.



Developments at public airports, such as Kayenta’s are considered to be of national interest and are eligible for financial assistance for airport planning and development under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982.

The Kayenta Airport is included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). NPIAS is a nationwide system of public-use facilities that serve a variety of traffic. An airport must be included in the NPIAS in order to receive funding under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

The current runway configuration at Kayenta Airport consists of one asphalt runway. The runway is 7,140 feet long and 75 feet wide. The new runway will be an additional 1000 feet longer making it 8140 feet long. Extending the runway will require the removal and relocation of existing power lines east of the airport runway underground, to accommodate the extended runway.

The current runway surface is in poor condition with collapsing pavement sections and major ruts. The most severe problems are primarily on the east end of the runway, however the entire runway is in poor condition. 3 inch new asphalt will remedy these problems as well as allowing larger

heavier aircraft to utilize the airport.

The runway threshold lights are in poor condition and nearly half are broken or missing, also the air field lighting and visual aids are also reported to out of service indefinitely. New lighting to the airport will bring a safer airport to Kayenta.

The taxiway system at the airport currently consists of one connector taxiway located off the runway, which connects the runway with the aircraft parking and tie down area, the pavement on the taxiway is also in poor condition. A new taxiway, aircraft parking and tie downs will be included in the project.

The Airport currently has fencing around the property line, however

the road to the airport is unrestricted and cars are able to drive onto the ramp and runway. Wind carried sediments often accumulate around the fence area allowing animals to easily cross the fence. New 7 foot game fencing will be installed around the airport boundaries and possible C.C.T.V installed for security.

Monument Valley, Utah has a privately owed airport which receives a high volume of tourism air traffic. Most of the air traffic comes from Las Vegas, Sedona, Page, and Phoenix. Kayenta would like to provide services to these aircraft and tour companies by attracting them with better facilities.



The Kayenta Airport is currently serving single engine and turbo prop aircraft, and some that use multi engine and light turbojet aircraft. Some of these aircraft include Air Medivac Services, Air Tour Operators, and Business/Recreational Transportation.

The combination of improved airport facilities and concerted effort by the Kayenta Township to enhance Kayenta's image, quality of life and visitor experience is expected to lead to increased airport activity, including air tours, personal, recreational, business, medivac, and government air traffic.

The Kayenta Airport is unattended and currently no services are available. It is recommended that fuel, pilot/passenger lounge and a courtesy car or shuttle to hotels/towns be provided at the airport for general

aviation public, as well as for the air tour operators and air ambulance operations. These services could possibly be incorporated with a cultural center on the airport allowing tourist to see what Kayenta has to offer.

Future construction of the access road to the Kayenta Airport was approved on January 24, 2005 by the Kayenta Township. Construction of the access road is a step forward in one of the many phases of the Kayenta Airport Master Plan.

With the current and future growth of economic development in Kayenta, the addition of a more up to date local airport will provide an added benefit to the community for years to come.

The next Kayenta Airport Master Plan meeting will be March 14, 2004 at the Kayenta Town Hall.

Navajo Nation will receive its own Boys & Girls Club

The Navajo Nation is days away from receiving its own charter from the Boys & Girls Club of America.

The Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., received assurances from BGCA officials that the charter for the non-profit organization Boys & Girls Clubs of Navajo, Inc. is in the process of being revoked and that the Navajo Nation would receive a charter of its own as soon as it submitted its application.

"We're prepared to issue a charter to the Navajo Nation to create a club," said Glen Purmuy, BGCA senior vice president for service to clubs. "We would like to start service to those Navajo boys and girls just as soon as possible."

Robbie Callaway, BGCA Senior Vice President for Government Relations, said the national organization was prepared to issue a charter to the Navajo Nation immediately, and will begin proceedings

to revoke the charter of the non-profit Boys & Girls Clubs of Navajo, Inc.

"The other group has done nothing but cause trouble for boys and girls on Navajoland," he said. "What I want to do is help President Shirley serve the kids of the Navajo Nation, and get there as soon as possible."

A financial report of Boys & Girls Clubs of Navajo, Inc., has found the non-profit organization \$729,000 in debt and in difficulty with the Internal Revenue Service for using employee withholdings to pay other debts.

"I don't see how they're going to pay it," President Shirley told the officials in a conference call on Tuesday. "I don't think the Navajo Nation should pay it. The executive director jumped ship. We don't know where the board is."

Last week, the organization's execu-

tive director Fran Rowden resigned.

Navajo Division of Dine' Education Director, Leland Leonard, said a Navajo Nation-based organization can be operated through the division's Department of Youth with approval from the Navajo Nation Council Education Committee.

Spencer Willie, program manager of the Dine' Boys & Girls Club Expansion Office, said this is a plan that will finally resolve the long-running problem of the 14 Boys & Girls Clubs' closure.

"We've been involved with this for close to a year-and-a-half trying to get over this impasse with the non-profit organization," he said. "We're at a point where we finally reached an agreement. We have more confidence in this plan now than the previous plan. We're addressing some of the concerns that the (Navajo Nation) Council Delegates have raised."

"We're in your corner," said Robbie Callaway. "Let us know what we can do to help."

Design Prototypes for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Navajo Nation



New Director of Indian Affairs

Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs David W. Anderson today announced he has named W. Patrick Ragsdale to be Director of Indian Affairs (BIA) effective February 13, 2005.

Ragsdale, who is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, has been serving for the last year as Director, Trust Review and Audit in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

"Mr. Ragsdale comes to this position with a wealth of experience in Indian Affairs," said Anderson. "He has done everything from teaching in Indian schools to holding the position of Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs between the Regan and Bush administrations. I have every confidence in his management

abilities and his dedication to meet the needs of Indian people."

Ragsdale began his career at BIA in 1967 as a teacher. From 1969 to 1972 he has was on military furlough serving as an officer with the U.S. Marine Corps. During his BIA tenure he has served in many capacities including: Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Area Director Anadarko, Assistant Area Director (Trust Responsibilities) Phoenix, and Superintendent of the Unita and Ouray Agency.

He retired in 1993, joined the Cherokee Nation and became Executive Director of the Nation in 1999. He returned to Federal service in February last year to become the Director,

"I look forward to rejoining the large group of family and colleagues in the Indian Bureau after being absent for more than 10 years. I have great appreciation for Mr. Anderson's efforts to energize leadership in Indian Country and am grateful to him for giving me this opportunity."

Ragsdale has a bachelors degree in history from the University of Central Oklahoma and has graduate hours at both the University of Oklahoma and the University of Arizona.

He was born and attended high school in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and has two adult daughters and two grandchildren.

Ragsdale will replace Brian Pogue as BIA Director. Pogue left the directorship to take the position of Regional Director Anadarko.

The Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs directly oversees the day to day activities of the agency that provides services to individual American Indians and Alaska Natives from federally recognized tribes.

The Director administers all laws governing non-education portions of Indian Affairs, provides leadership and direction for BIA employees, and oversees and monitors the work of the BIA regional offices, agencies and field offices.

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It isn’t everyday that community members have a chance to rub shoulders with a person who in the past, has exemplified service in it’s most unselfish form and can also speak of an experience involving former President Clinton and the President’s Service Award, in the same sentence. Such circumstances can be found, if one were to look within the walls of Kayenta’s local Hozho Academic Center. Mr. John Andrews is one of two teachers at the Alternative Educational facility located next to the Kayenta Middle School.

Before Andrews resumed his career as a teacher, he could be found operating a moving company, Star Van & Storage, located in his hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska. Unlike many of today’s popular moving outfits, Star Van & Storage was unique in its mode of operation as they were know for providing immediate service to victims of domestic violence. Often, his crew would transport individuals along with their property to various locations within the county, with no questions asked and quite often, at no cost to the victim.

“What got me started moving women and children out of abusive homes, was a childhood friend asked me if I could move a family that was in that situation. Her name was Marcy Metzger, she was the Director of the Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center in Lincoln, NE. She kept calling and I kept saying yes. I also felt some empathy for these clients because of my background. I grew up in an alcoholic home and all the dysfunction that that entails,” stated Andrews.

Although the years have passed by since he received the esteemed award in the Rose Garden of the White House by President William Jefferson Clinton, Andrews continues his beliefs in providing service willingly in the name of Christianity and its companion of selfless service.

“ As a Christian I believe it is my duty to help those in need when I am able to do so. Helping to me means more than just giving money, it also means being hands on,” passionately commented Andrews.

Currently Andrews fills the role of an educator with every intention to provide his students with valuable lessons of life in addition to the skills needed to read, write, and understand the fundamentals of mathematics efficiently. The moving business was a satisfying job in terms of saving people’s lives; therefore, the move to resume a career in education made perfect sense after much careful deliberation.

“I had taught Sunday school for seven years, and really enjoyed it. I had taught 8th grade American History for one year, years before. My father, and others, kept telling me I should go back into teaching. That was a big decision to make casually. I thought about it for about two years before deciding that I do have a gift in relating to young people and that I could use that gift as a teacher. I renewed my teaching certificate (which had expired) and ended up in Kayenta. I believe I made the right decision,” concluded Andrews.

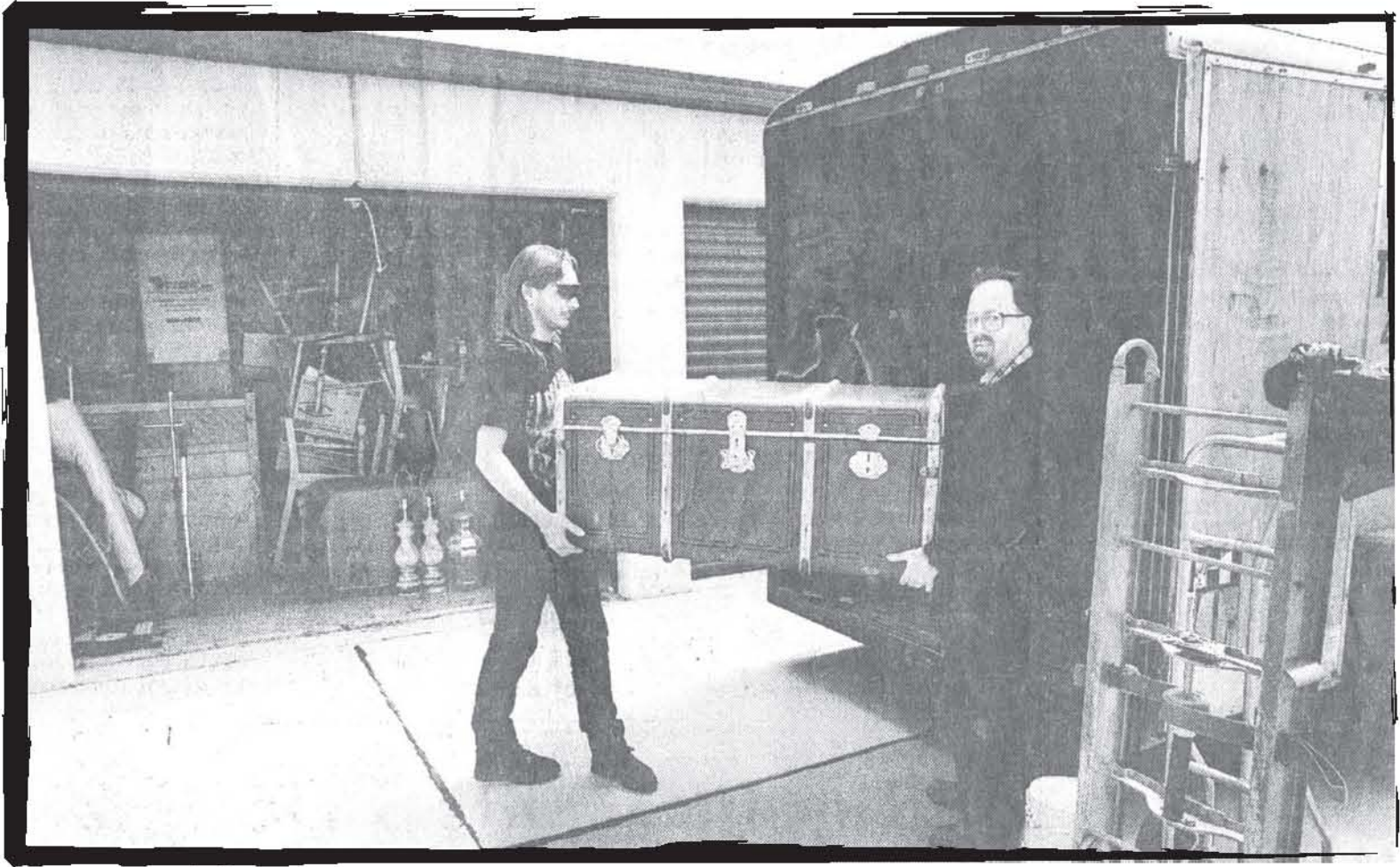


Above: John Andrews personally receives President’s Service Award from former U.S President Bill Clinton

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Below: Andrews (right) and fellow crew member carefully load personal property of a domestic violence victim to a safer location.



Q. How many years have you been coaching the Special Olympics?

I have been coaching Special Olympic- Kayenta for the past four years. I started off as a chaperone then moved on to becoming a volunteer. When the coach who was here before me moved, there was really no one left to take over. I didn't want the program to end, so I stepped forward.

Q. Who are the other assistance involved, if any?

There are a number of individuals who are involved with S.O. Kayenta.
Chris Greyeyes- Head of Delegate/ Head Coach
Kikki Greyeyes – Assistant Coach
Delphina Jones- KUSD School Sponsor
Patricia Gonnie- KUSD E.S.S. Director
Donny Pettyjohn- S.O. Volunteer
Student/ Athlete Parents

Q. Where do they usually take place?

There are over 8,000 athletes who participate in S.O. in Arizona. The state is divided into 14 regions. Our S.O. Kayenta program is in the Navajo Nation Special Olympic region. We participate in both regional and state events. We hold our training, practices, and games on the KUSD campus.

Q. What motivated you to participate in the Special Olympics?

I was introduced to Special Olympics by Mrs. Rose Dugi. (She was one of the two individuals who started Special Olympics here in Kayenta). Rose asked me to chaperone on one of the S.O. trips. After watching these incredible athletes perform, I was hooked.

Q. Are there certain events that you train the athletes in or do you provide guidance in all the events?

S.O. Arizona provides twenty one events. Our program participates in basketball and track/ field. Currently there are twelve athletes on the team who train seven months out of the year. We coach and train these athletes in each of their respected events.

Q. What is the history of Special Olympics in Kayenta or perhaps, in this area in general?

(i.e. Schools involved, Sponsors, requirements, etc...)

This is Special Olympics Arizona's 30th anniversary. Roger Halwood and Bobby Brown started Special Olympics here on the Navajo Nation 27 years ago. Over the past twenty seven years there have been over twenty area programs, at any given time, here on the reservation. Right now there are currently fourteen programs participating.

Our Special Olympic program was started in 1993 by Rose Dugi and Kristen DeVore. They laid the foundation down for what I think, is one of the top programs in our area. Right now we are trying to find new athletes to better our program. Special Olympic training and competition is open to every person with intellectual disabilities who is at least eight years of age and who is registered with the state office.

Q. How do the local athletes perform compared to other schools in the area?

Our S.O. Kayenta athletes fair very well at both the area and state levels. We have a little saying, "We'll play anyone, anywhere, and any time. If there is a program willing to lace them up, we'll be there."

Last year our basketball team brought back two silver medal finishes from area tournaments. (We didn't play in the state tournament.) In track & field the team brought back 5 gold, 8 silver, and 3 bronze individual medals, as well as 2 team silver medals from the state competition.

Q. What is the satisfaction you receive from the experience of being involved with Special Olympics?

After coaching these student/ athletes for the past four year, I feel that I have grown with each of them. When I first started off, watching these athletes was amazing. They have tried harder than most athletes that I was accustomed to watching or coaching. After I started coaching, the satisfaction I received was from watching how far these athletes had grown. In the short amount of time that I have known them, they have become great ambassadors to their school and community. Not only do these athletes try hard in their respected events, but in every in their everyday lives. Special Olympics is now a way of life for all the athletes.

Q. In addition, what would you say is your overall philosophy in coaching or regarding the program in general?

Coaching SO differs from coaching any other sporting event. The philosophy of Special Olympics is to bring SO athletes into the larger society under conditions whereby they are accepted, and given the chance to become useful and productive citizens. This is done through sport training and social integration. The Special Olympic Motto is: "Let me win, but if I can not win. Let me be brave in the attempt." I think that everyone could benefit from this motto, regardless of disability or not.

Q. How did our students place this season?

Right now we are participating in basketball. (We currently have a 6-2 record.) We have games throughout the month of February. Our regional tournament is on March 1st in Window Rock, and our state tournament is on April 7th thru the 9th. Our track season begins before the basketball season has concluded, with our first meet on April 5th. The S.O. Arizona state meet will be held May 6th thru the 8th, in Tempe.

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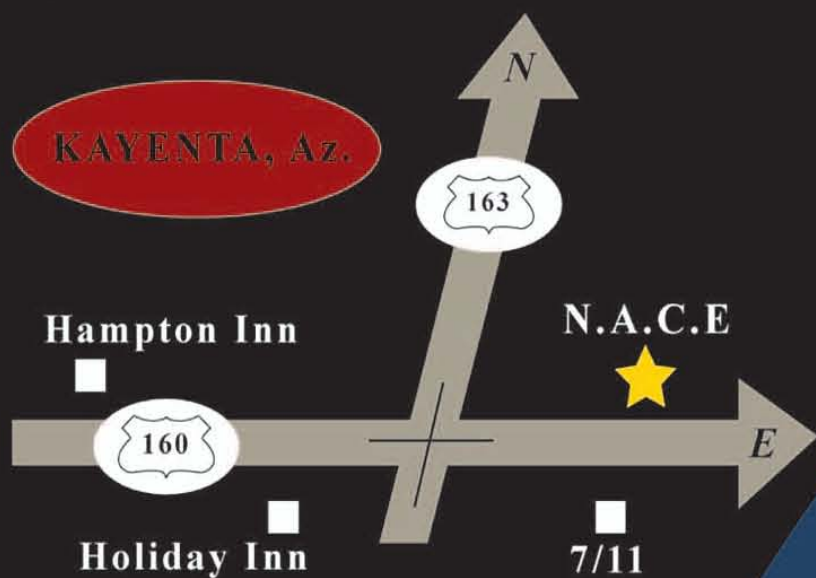
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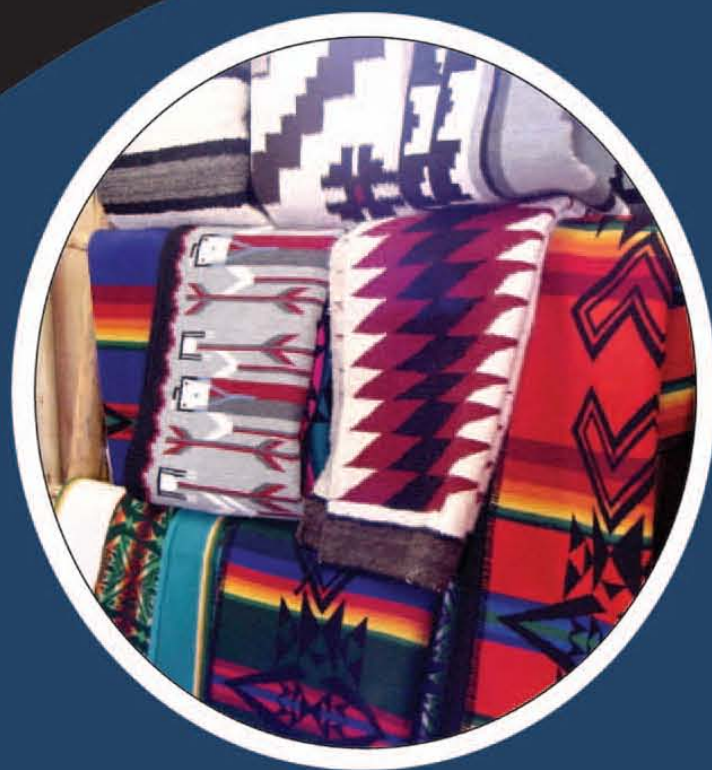
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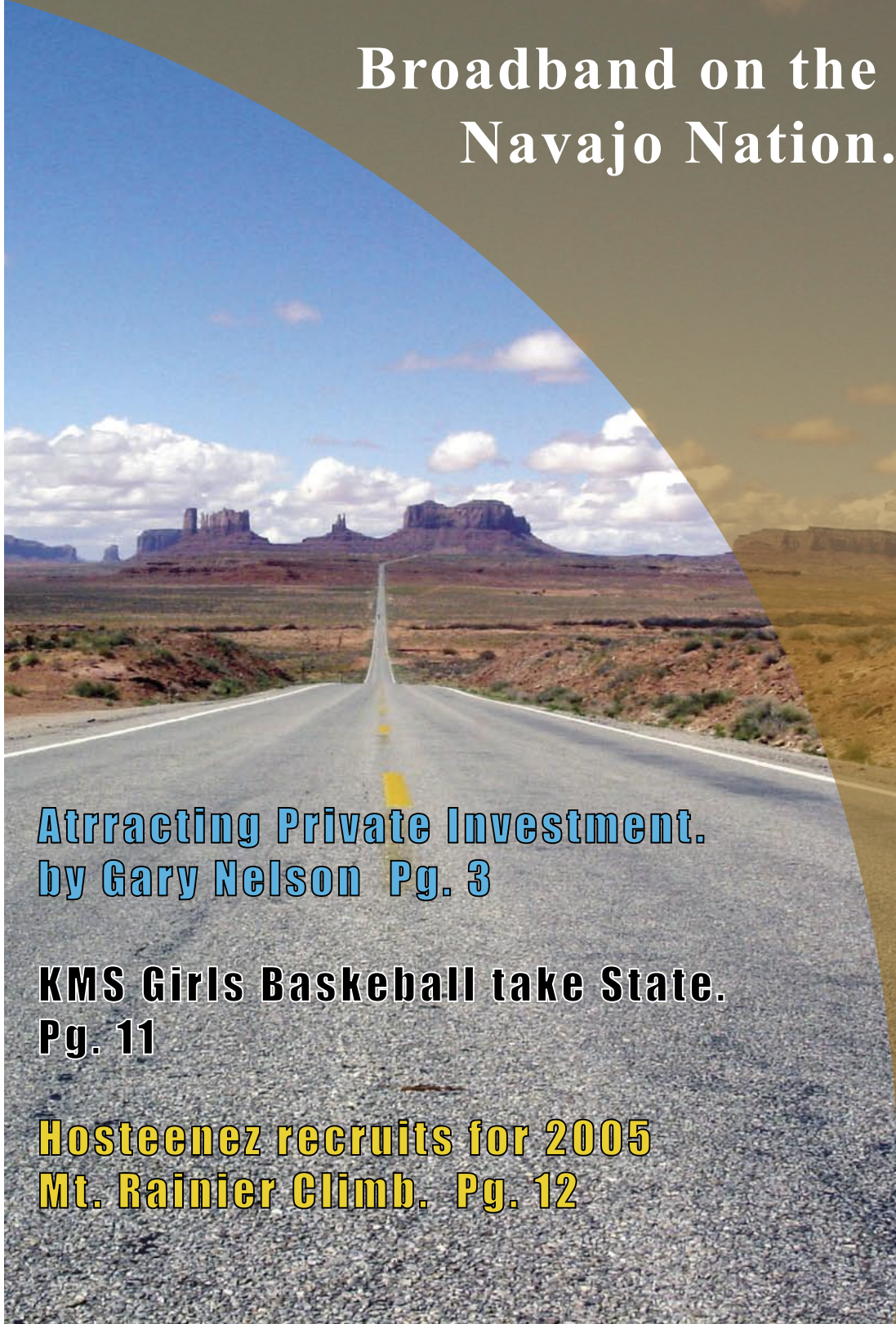
Broadband on the Navajo Nation.



The Broadband Initiative is an evolutionary product of several years of Navajo Nation administrative technology efforts; the Navajo Nation's Council's enactment of the Local Governance Act; and the merger of programs between the Legislative and Executive Branches. During the tenure of President Kelsey Begaye and Vice-President Dr. Taylor McKenzie, the Division of Community Development assumed responsibility for the 110 Navajo Chapters and the implementation of the Local Governance Act. A strategic planning process, begun under the direction of then Division Director, Benjamin Jones led to the creation of a "Tech Team" comprised of departmental and IT staff. The focus of the team was finding solutions on "How technology will improve the lives of our Navajo people". The common thread that

inhibits the growth of the communities is communication. The lack of accessibility to vital information from programs and services at the Central Government prevented adequate services to the Navajo public; inadequate flow of information between various key entities prevented proper planning and development activities; and the daily governmental tasks of conducting business was costly to local Chapters due to the extensive travel that needed to be done over wide geographic distances, for example. The group started to develop plans to establish a communications network from the central office in Window Rock to each Chapter. They approached the local communications companies and were told the endeavor to connect each Chapter would be too costly and the tedious bureaucratic

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE WORKING TO ADDRESS BOOTLEGGING



In a memorandum to Council delegates, LoneTree commended the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigation and numerous grassroots organizations, and various regional law enforcement agencies for their steadfast efforts to address alcoholism and its related crimes on the Navajo Nation. Chairperson LoneTree would especially like to thank the Tuba City Police Department and Criminal Investigation for their relentless and tireless work that ultimately resulted in the busts of Hank's Trading Post and Wauneta's Trading Post.

In a press release sent out March 4, 2005, the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control announced the state's first bootlegging bust by its department. The Department of Liquor investigation indicates that three licensed establishments in northern Arizona were knowingly selling alcohol to bootleggers, including Hank's Trading Post, Wauneta's Trading Post, and Hatch's Quick Stop.

According to the press release, on several occasions during the 18-month investigation, undercover law enforcement officers purchased large amounts of alcohol from those stores and said during the purchase that the alcohol was going to be resold or bootlegged on reservation land.

The investigation was a joint investigation with the Navajo Department of Public Safety, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Flagstaff Police Department, Navajo County Sheriff's Office, Winslow Police Department, Holbrook Police Department,

Apache County Sheriff's Office and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Chairperson LoneTree said that the bust was significant because it is the first time that the State Department of Liquor is addressing issues related to border town alcohol sales and bootlegging on Indian reservations. To further address the issue, amendments are being proposed to Arizona state law that would regulate alcohol sales that are purchased off reservation land and subsequently sold, consumed, possessed or transported onto Indian reservations. The proposed amendments would make the violation a Class 6 felony.

"To date, the Department of Liquor License and Control has had few options in penalizing off-sale liquor locations that are knowingly selling large quantities of alcohol to people who are transporting and selling the same product to Native American people," Hope MacDonald LoneTree, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, stated.

The Committee established a subcommittee in 2003 to review matters of border town liquor establishments and alcohol-related incidences. Since then, the subcommittee has been receiving reports from cross sections of the nation, ranging from grassroots organizations to law enforcement agencies, with the purpose of developing short-term and long-term plans to deal with alcohol-related matters on Navajo land. The subcommittee members are Chair Lorenzo Curley (Houck/Lupton/Nahata Dziil), Vice Chair Pete Ken Atcitty (Shiprock) and Harry Clark (Chinle).

"These organizations and the police department have been working on this for years where they were able to identify certain liquor establishments that were selling alcohol illegally and knowingly selling to bootleggers. The grassroots organizations were successful by working with their local Navajo police departments, county sheriffs, the special investigator and others to look into these allegations," LoneTree said. "The result is the proposed amendments to state liquor laws and the bootlegging busts by the Arizona state department of liquor.

Morrison for her concern and willingness to bring us together in combating alcohol-related problems on Navajo land and seeking to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with these issues long range," LoneTree stated.

"The Committee would like to send our gratitude to Director Berens Morrison for her concern and willingness to bring us together in combating alcohol-related problems on Navajo land and seeking to develop a comprehensive plan to deal with these issues long range," LoneTree stated.

The Public Safety Committee of the Navajo Nation Council is asking the public to send letters supporting the proposed amendments to: Leesa Berens Morrison, Director Arizona Department of Liquor, License and Control 800 West Washington Industrial Commission Bldg., 5th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007 Fax number: (602) 542-9020

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., signs three bills into law

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., on Thursday

signed three pieces of legislation into law to give Leupp Chapter land, to allow the Navajo Agricultural Products Industry to create wholly-owned subsidiaries, and to allocate funds to Shiprock and Kayenta for construction.

At 4 p.m., the President signed Resolution No. CF-17-05 which allows a transfer of land, facilities and infrastructure from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Navajo Nation. The land, within the Leupp Schools campus, will eventually be transferred to the Leupp Schools, Inc.

Federal law requires that property transfers be first given to the Navajo Nation before it can be given to another organization.

At 4:02 p.m., the President signed Resolution No. CF-15-05 to amend the NAPI plan of operation. This will allow NAPI to create wholly-owned, for-profit subsidiaries.

At 4:05 p.m., the President signed Resolution No. CF-14-05. This is a two-part bill that appropriates \$2.5 million of matching funds for the demolition phase of the remodeling of the former Shiprock Hospital. The facility is to become a 72-bed, residential substance abuse treatment facility to serve all Navajo clients. The State of New Mexico will provide a \$2.4 million match.

Also attached to the bill as a rider is \$750,000 match fund appropriation for the construction of the Kayenta Police Station and Detention Center.

ATTRACTING PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO A NAVAJO NATION COMMUNITY



Gary Nelson
Kayenta Town Manager

Kayenta Township (“Township”) is the first Native American community to become a “Home Rule” municipal government in the United States. This status was granted to the Kayenta Township by the Navajo Nation Council in August 2003 after eighteen (18) years of operation as a pilot project.

As an empowered local government, having authority from the Navajo Nation to create its own governing ordinances, the Township demonstrated great success. One of these successes was the implementation of a municipal sales tax program, and utilizing the locally generated sales taxes revenues to leverage outside capital investment to pay for various capital improvement projects desired by the community.

Is creating a town government easy?

No, it takes a great effort and great sacrifice by an Indian Town to forge out a new economic environment that would provide for a better standard of living in contrast to what is now provided under an old prohibitive and bureaucratic system administered to the Native American nations by the federal government through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”).

Therefore, the Township represents a new fighting spirit that has revived in the midst of the Navajo Commu-

nities, and it requires and demands the same quality of life and economic prosperity that is enjoyed by all other American citizens. It has demonstrated that reservation life can be greatly improved if the Native American communities can make the necessary challenges to Tribal and Federal laws, and remove the bureaucratic restrictions that keep them in economic bondage.

What is the Mission and Focus of the Kayenta Township?

It has often been stated by the Navajo Nation, Kayenta Chapter and Kayenta Township Commission (the “Leadership”), that the purpose of the Township is to revitalize the survival instinct and entrepreneurial spirit of the Navajo People. If it can be done in Kayenta - it can be done in other Native American communities.

In concert with our purpose, the mission of the Township is to provide improved quality of life for its citizens by providing the following services:

- (1) foremost being infrastructure development (i.e. water, waste water treatment, transportation, electric, telecommunications, etc.), and then
- (2) employment and job creation,
- (3) public safety (i.e. police and fire protection, detention, and judicial court),
- (4) affordable housing,
- (5) education (i.e. head-start, vocational and higher learning),
- (6) quality health care, and so on.

With a mind set to providing the above services, the focus of the Township (and other Navajo communities) is to make necessary legislative amendments and changes to Navajo Nation and Federal laws. To change the rules of government, whereby the barriers to Navajo economic development will be removed and the doors to economic prosperity opened for the Navajo People.

Changing the laws is a difficult task for the Navajo Leadership, because they are stewards over the land,

resources and the people. They want to limit as much as possible any compromise that would risk the loss of the valuable resources. But, if they are good stewards, they would be like Good shepherds leading their flocks to greener pastures and allowing them to forage on the best vegetation available.

Because we have been a Township for 20 Years, what is our View of the Role of Government?

Some nations of the world have been highly successful in providing for the needs of their citizens (i.e. economic opportunity, prosperity and high standard of living) better than others. But, these successful nations could not have done this unless they had in place sound governing principles, method for rule making, and resolving disputes.

According to a statement made by Dr. Stephen Cornell, Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy, The University of Arizona, and Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, – “Governance matters more than resources. Assets are important, but without an environment of good and effective rules, assets will be squandered and their effects will be limited”. He went further to say “Rules are so important because they send a message to

investors”. This is the overall goal and objective of the Township and the Navajo communities, to establish business friendly environments that will attract private investment to Navajoland.

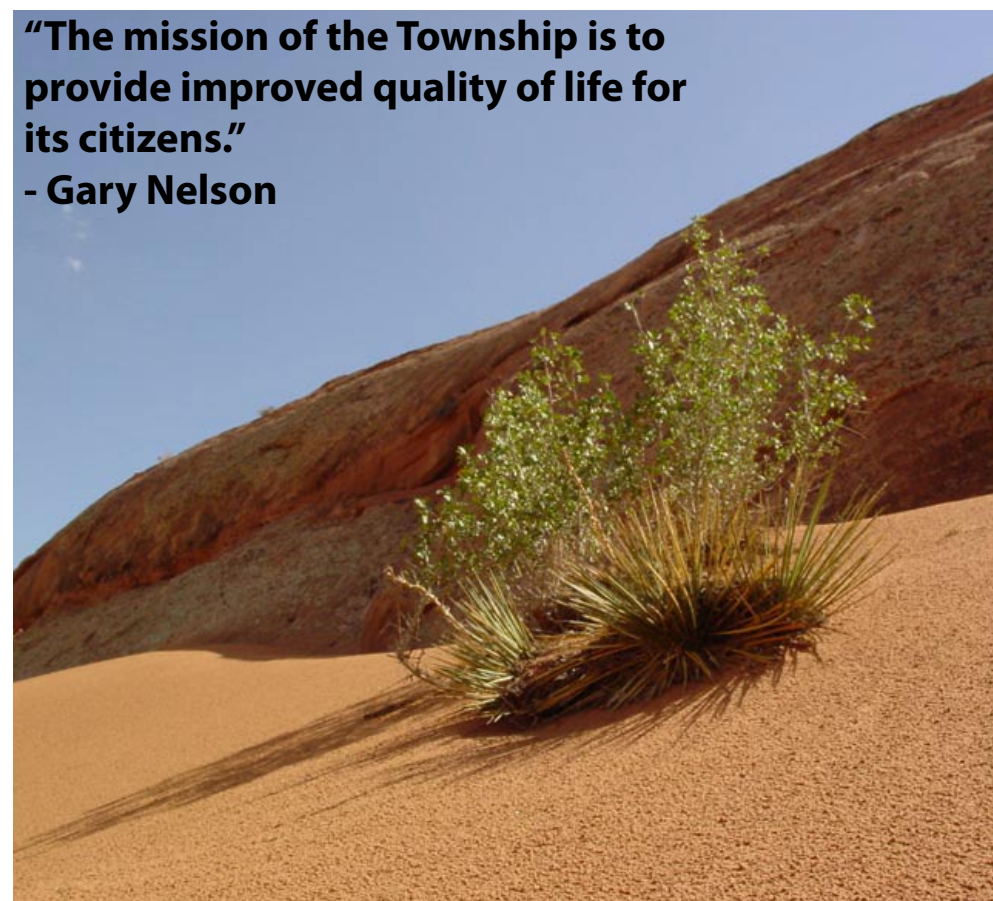
What Prevents Private Investment?

In this part of my presentation I would like to share with you an analogy often told by Mr. Richard Mike, one of our Navajo entrepreneurs from Kayenta. It goes something like this. “If you were to go to Phoenix and rent an apartment, you would pay for as long as you lived there. If you paid rent for 25 years, some of us would tell you “you are crazy” because at the end of 25 years – you would have no equity! Nothing to show for the hard earn dollars put towards the apartment rent. Then, if your children took occupancy of the apartment in your place, they would pay an adjusted higher rent for the next 25 years; and after 50 years of paying, and paying, and paying – you and your family would still have not equity. I would like to be the first one to advise you, after just one year of paying rent – “Go out and buy a house”.

The analogy presented sounds completely ludicrous, but that is exactly how the federal Indian business site leasing laws and regulations are -

“The mission of the Township is to provide improved quality of life for its citizens.”

- Gary Nelson



like renting an apartment in Phoenix. To the west of Kayenta, along Highway 160, you would see the gutted ruins of Cow Springs Trading Post with only the fireplace still standing. Then to the east, along the same highway you would see the ruins of a sandstone trading post, Baby Rocks. These ruins are a testament to the fact that the old BIA system of economic development just does not work!

4 Now tell me, what prevents private investment on Native American lands?

Short-term 25-year leases Options limited to 25 additional years.

Rents based on market rate or percentage of gross sales, whichever is greater.

Rents applied to the whole life of the lease (resulting in no equity building).

Upon the expiration of the initial terms, if the renewal option is exercised, the leases are renegotiated and the rents adjusted to reflect then market rates.

Corruption and partisan politics
Inflexible (one sided) means of dispute resolution.

No waiver of sovereign immunity, and too many steps (or requirements) in the approval process.

Multiple approvals at the:
(1) local level,
(2) Navajo Nation Department of Justice,
(3) Office of the President, and then
(4) BIA

What Attracts Private Investment?

Economic opportunity supported by existing markets.

Amendments to Navajo Nation and Federal Law, as it pertains to local empowerment and local governance authority in issuing business site leases.

Local governments empowered to make business decisions (local ap-

"It is the local Navajo communities that will build the private sector economy, an economy that will truly support the future of the Navajo Nation."

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proval)

Fair and honest rules for dispute resolution and enforcement of judgments (or rules the investors trust)
Waiver (or limited waiver) of sovereign immunity.

Long-term 99 year leases.

Fair and equitable lease rental rates, and/or ability to buy leasehold interest in trust lands, and ease of selling leasehold interest to another for a profit.

Why is there a Push for Local Empowerment and Governance Authority?

The key to the Navajo Nation's economic survival and independence hinges on the restoration of local governance authority to the Navajo communities. It is a known fact that only eighty (80) years ago the Navajo People possessed local governance authority and was for the most part a self-reliant nation. Then in the mid 1920's, vast mineral, gas and oil reserves were discovered on the Navajo Nation lands and the local governance authority was lost to a central government (the Navajo Tribal Council) that emerged; whose purpose at that time was to accommodate the mineral leases proposed by the large petroleum, gas and mineral mining companies. Yes, the royalties paid by these compa-

nies sustained the Navajo Nation for many years, but the Nation also realizes that the mineral reserves are now depleting and the royalties will soon diminish.

This has awakened the Navajo Leadership to the fact that it must create a more diversified economy and the only way is to amend or create new laws that allows for the restoration of local governance authority to Navajo communities. It is the local Navajo communities that will build the private sector economy, an economy that will truly support the future of the Navajo Nation.

This has been the Township and the Navajo communities' fight to regain local governance authority from the parent Navajo Nation and Federal Governments. The issue of local empowerment and local governance authority are being addressed in two key areas and they are:

a) Legislative Amendments to Tribal and Federal Law: In this regard the Kayenta Township has been at the forefront pressing for legislative amendments to tribal and federal law that affect business site leasing authority on Navajo Nation lands. Draft legislative amendments are in process and the time is near where Navajo communities will have the ability to approve their own business site leases without further approval from the Navajo Nation and BIA.

b) Kayenta Master Lease: While waiting for tribal and federal legislative changes, the Kayenta Township has also gone a step further by creating a subsidiary known as the Kayenta Economic Development Corporation ("KEDCO"), a for-profit development corporation. KEDCO, upon approval of a master lease, will begin subleasing and developing the prime developable lands within the town boundary. The purpose of KEDCO is to separate business from government and to create (as near as possible) a "free enterprise" environment that mirrors the off-reservation economies. The dictionary defines "free enterprise" as "enterprise free of government". Meaning enterprise free from government interference and disruption, but having clear defined rules of commerce. That is precisely what we have in mind when we say that KEDCO will have the ability to implement those business principles (as aforementioned above) that attract private investment to Kayenta. It will also have full authority to approve business site leases within the Township boundary, without further approval from the Kayenta Township Commission, Navajo Nation and BIA. The KEDCO Master Lease has been submitted to the Secretary of Interior for review and approval.



“It is time for the Native American nations to collaborate their efforts to improve the economic conditions on all tribal lands across the United States.”

-Gary Nelson



Does the Kayenta Township have any Successful Projects with the Private Sector?

Part of the Township’s success is predicated on the fact that it is truly striving to create that free enterprise (or business friendly) environment; and for the most part, the Township has done it. It has gained the trust of many private investors and this can be confirmed by the most recent business site lease that was approved on December 13, 2004 for a business partnership from Scottsdale, AZ. The approved lease is for the development, operation and leasing of a 25,000 SF professional office building.

What made this agreement possible was the Township’s ability to address the issue of dispute resolution and sovereign immunity in a manner that was encouraging to the developers. If the Township had not agreed to the fair rules of commerce and risk taking (a little give and take), this deal would not have happened.

Kayenta also has the most Navajo owned businesses. Just to name a few, these business are Navajo owned: The Hampton Inn, Wetherill Best Western Inn, Burger King, McDonalds, Blue Coffee Pot Café, Golden Sands Café, Amigo Mexican Restaurant, Kayenta Shopping Center, Chevron, 7-to-11, Conoco/Mustang convenience store-gas stations,

and many more.

What are the Ramifications of Sovereign Immunity?

It has become common practice for non-reservation businessmen to request and demand the Native American nations to waive sovereign immunity. Whereas, on the contrary, two businessmen in Flagstaff or Phoenix, AZ, negotiating a business agreement would not even think of requesting such demands on each other. And why is that? One obvious answer is – in matters pertaining to Native American lands, the Tribe collectively is the owner of the land and not the individual tribal member. But, on the contrary, in the off-reservation setting, all American citizens are afforded the privilege of land ownership and property rights. So they individually can commit to binding agreements limited only to themselves and not the city, county or state governments in which they reside.

What this translates into is the fact that the Navajo Nation and the Federal Government must extend the same privilege of land ownership and property rights to the Navajo People as all other Americans. And allow them to experience and learn the real world game of economics and its associated risk taking, and create rules of commerce that truly will attract private investment to the

Navajo Nation. If we are unable to do so (as outside investor/developers like to say) by getting on the same “level playing field” and assuming our share of the risk (when it is appropriate) then most worthwhile economic opportunities will continue to escape the Navajo People. So the question is – how willing are we in becoming a true nation? If we fear the issues of sovereign immunity and dispute resolutions to the point that it prevents private investment then perhaps we lack knowledge and understanding.

Kayenta Township clearly understands this concept and to better address these critical and important issues, it has elected to create a development corporation, KEDCO, to operate under a master lease and to implement the favorable rules of commerce that are attractive to private investment. Because the master lease would only take in certain parcels of township lands, any development within the master lease area and its associated risk would be limited only to that area. It is like saying, “Here is a basketball court and all the rules of the game will apply”, but the rules would apply only within the designated area. The designated master lease areas and enterprise zones could be places for the Navajo Nation and Federal Government to begin lifting the restrictions that has prohibited economic development for so long.

Inter-tribal Investments and Partnerships

Business is business, or we like to think of it as non-discriminatory. But, for some reason, Native American tribes seem to be more leery of one another than they are with the non-Natives. Perhaps it is because all tribes lost land to the United States over the last three hundred years, that they are not about to lose land and property to another tribe. Whatever is the hang up, that way of thinking should end among the Native American nations.

There is great economic opportunity in the Navajo Nation, and why not some of the private investments come to Navajoland from other



Native nations, so that the Native American nations can benefit together economically. Likewise with inter-tribal business partnerships; what prevents two tribes or three from combining resources to buy valuable property in some of the major cities of the United States? If other foreign nations can do it, what prevents the Native Americans from doing the same?

What should the Native American Nations do Next?

It is time for the Native American nations to collaborate their efforts to improve the economic conditions on all tribal lands across the United States. Only by lifting all the restrictive laws can the Native American nations truly succeed and emerge as economically strong nations. The success demonstrated by the Kayenta Township, as a Native American self-reliant local government, can be achieved in other Native American communities. Remember, what we set our minds to with hope and faith in our almighty God - we can achieve!

-Gary Nelson



On Thursday February 24th the 1st annual **SKILLS NATIVE** competition was held at Chinle High School. 8 schools from around the Reservation participated in the following events Architectural Drafting Board, Architectural Drafting CAD, Welding, Computer Networking, BMAS (Business Plan), BMAS (Emerging Business Issues), Culinary Arts, Woods (Cabinet Making), Woods (Carpentry). MVHS sent 7 CTE students to the competition.

Three of our students participated in the Computer Networking competition. Kaylynn Kayannie

took 1st , Chris Vormittag took 3rd and Eric Powell took 5th place. Their teacher was Michael Abella.

Three of our students participated in the Welding competition. Leroy Lake took 1st, Jocelyn Thompson took 2nd, and Michaellyn Greyeyes took 9th place. Their teachers are Anderson Holiday and Frankie Gilmore.

Thanks to N.A.T.I.V.E. School District ,Superintendent Karen Leshar and Administrative Assistant Geri Begay , for allowing our students from the Reservation schools to do this competition.



Left-Right: Michaellyn Greyeyes, Jocelyn Thompson, Eric Powell, and Leroy Lake.



Senior Leroy Lake, took 1st place in Welding. Received a Medal, Jacket and a 14" Chop Saw.



Senior Jocelyn Thompson, took 2nd place in Welding. Received a Medal, Jacket and a 4 1/2" Grinder.



Senior Michaellyn Greyeyes, took 9th place in Welding.



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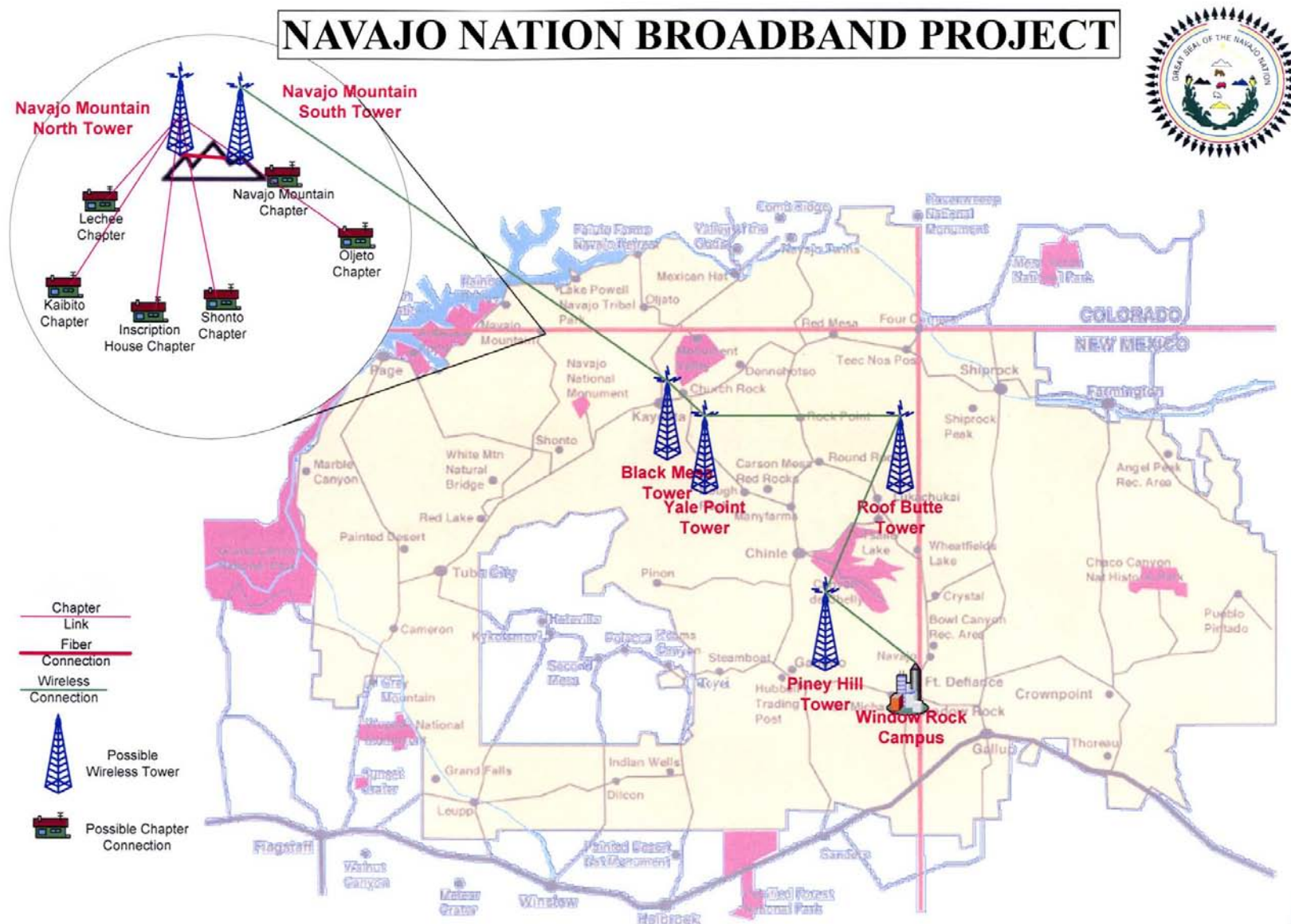


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right-of-way processes would cause substantial delays. It was determined that it would take 10-20 years to see any viable development. The idea to utilize a satellite system was the next option. This would satisfy the immediate “short term” need and eliminate the right-of-way process. They started working with a fledgling satellite company called Starband as a pilot project. However, since the Starband technology was aimed at consumers, it could not meet the capacity of the projected requirements.

Call it timing or fate, but the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at nearly the same time approached the Navajo Nation with the mission to develop technology in rural America and to close the digital divide. The common vision was to provide public access computers for economic, social, and educational use. The Gates Foundation headed by the Executive Director, Sylvia Matthews, partnered with the DCD Tech Team and went to work on the connectivity issues. The Gates Foundation purchased computers, printers, scanners, digital cameras and other equipment

from Gateway and other companies. Chapters were given two to four computers each depending on the availability of space. Several Chapters were also given ten computers for training centers under Phase II of the project. These computers, servers, and equipment were all granted directly to the Navajo Nation and are Chapter property. Gates Foundation also secured the bandwidth (up and down link) for connectivity provided by SES Americom, Inc., and using connectivity equipment from Aloha, Inc. The Navajo Nation owns and co-locates some major communications equipment in SES Americom’s facilities in Woodbine, Maryland. Additionally, domain names were acquired for websites and e-mail for each Chapter (www.nndes.org and navajochapters.org). The websites are presently hosted by RealTimeSites in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The New Mexico Libraries Programs headed by State Librarian, Richard Akeroyd, granted funds for the domain name and website hosting services for the New Mexico Chapters. The external satellite connectivity, maintenance, and technical

training contract were awarded to OnSat of Park City, UT. Since the initial installation, the Navajo Nation Headstart Program and the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety has tapped into the Chapter network system for their own purposes via wireless connections for connectivity to expand the system.

With the imminent depletion of granted funds for connectivity, the Division of Community Development partnered with the Navajo Nation Libraries, New Mexico and Arizona State Libraries Programs to designate each Chapter certified libraries due to their public access status. This allowed the Division of Community Development to access the Universal Service Fund’s E-Rate funding program for telecommunications on behalf of the Chapters. OnSat submitted a bid for the E-Rate funds and was awarded for bandwidth costs associated with the connectivity.

The Division of Community Development secured the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Technology

Opportunities Program funding for establishing a technology center for tech support, training activities, and development of a Web Portal for the Navajo Nation. The Web Portal is designed and structured to include e-commerce; e-learning; e-voting; e-jobs; and e-government applications. With the anticipated requirements related to the web portal applications, the bandwidth requirements would need to be increased considerably. The DCD Tech Team began exploring cost-effective, sustainable broadband solutions that would provide the needed bandwidth throughout the Navajo Nation. Satellite connectivity, while it provides the basic connection is very expensive at the higher bandwidth levels and has other issues which relegate it to backup or intermediate solution status when fiber or fixed wireless solutions are not available. Broadband connectivity is defined as the ability to provide full-resolution streaming video over some connection, and typically would require about T-1 speeds at a minimum. However, now that technology is moving to high-definition video, the

broadband requirement increases since the amount of data needed to move across that connection increases substantially. Broadband can be established through wired or wireless technologies (antennas, microwave, and fiber lines). Only fiber connectivity can provide the level of bandwidth that is required and has the ability to scale into the future. Full fiber deployment can be expensive, but new technologies are continually coming out that bring the costs down. As an alternative, fixed wireless and point-to-point wireless solutions can provide the needed bandwidth at a much lower cost as an intermediate solution. The trade-offs are that wireless solutions don't scale as well as fiber and are not as robust.

In March 2004, the President George H. Bush visited Albuquerque, New Mexico and declared; "We ought to have a universal, affordable access for broadband technology by the year 2007, and then we ought to make as sure as soon as possible thereafter, consumers have got plenty of choices when it comes to purchasing the broadband carrier".

On June 14th, 2004, The 1st Annual Navajo Nation IT Summit coordinated by the Navajo Nation's Department of Information Technology was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico setting the stage for forums, meetings, and networking on technology issues. A meeting was held inviting the four State Governor's designated Chief Information Officers to participate in a round table discussion on partnering with the Navajo Nation on the build out of the technology infrastructure on the Navajo Nation. The first step was to coordinate a multi-state effort to address the comprehensive IT need of the Navajo Nation; and to establish a two-level Broadband Working Group. President Joe Shirley, Jr. formally requested of New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson; Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano; Utah Governor Olene S. Walker; and Colorado Governor Bill Owens, for the states government to government participation to address technology, funding sources, and interoperability objectives. The Governor's of each state responded by designating their Chief Information Officers to work directly with the Navajo Nation's Quad-State



Executive Broadband Group.



infrastructure for the Navajo Nation. The creation of an economic based IT model infrastructure design components include: Total Cost Ownership (TCO), affordability, interoperability, scalability, ambiguity, and redundancy. Subsequently, building the IT Workforce by developing projects, contracting, and creating partnerships that allows an avenue for IT work opportunities for the Navajo and Native own IT Businesses, IT Professionals, and IT Technicians.

The Navajo Nation Broadband Initiative has partnered and supports several on-going projects:

Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN) of the United Nations whose vision is to disseminate disaster information through major node on the Navajo Nation to connect to other tribes in the southwest. Partnering with GDIN fits into the NNDIT's plans to establish a Disaster Recovery Center for the Navajo Nation. The Disaster Recovery Site will be the fail-over site for the Navajo Nation and will be able to serve other tribal nations. With the anticipated development of the



The Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission was originally created through legislation in 1984. The Commission was fully seated in 2002 with seven members. The Commission was given the task to regulate any and all matters of telecommunications activity on the Navajo Nation. Currently, the Commission has adopted several policies regarding right-of-ways for tower construction, co-location, and pricing structure for co-location. The Commission also hears all matters related to telecommunications activities on the Navajo Nation and advises the President's Office and the Oversight Committees of the Navajo Nation Council on telecommunications matters.

TODAY

Several meetings have occurred within the last year, strategizing on resource sharing, technical assistance, and funding opportunities. There are several factors that play a major role in the design of the "Backbone" or "Backhaul" main



Navajo Nation Web Portal a Data Mart for data repository & migration based system will be established within the DRC. Currently, several Navajo Nation departments are in the process of developing GIS databases, data migration, etc. Currently, data bases exist and others are developing for the Navajo Nation. Just to name a few, the Elections Office is designing and developing a customized database system. The Design and Engineering Services has been developing a GIS data management system, the Division of Health is customizing an emergency management services data base system for records management, the Legislative offices is developing resolution data base management system.

The NavNet Wireless Project vision is to implement a WIMAX hub at certain locations on Navajo land to make internet available for governmental and community use. The NNDIT has partnered with the Kayenta Township and Rough Rock Schools to implement this project model. The Kayenta Township model includes the ownership of a commercial communication tower

that allows Co-location and revenue generating opportunities. By creating an open market, the competition will drive down rates and make it more comparable to national affordable rates; better reception and connectivity; allow the local businesses and people the freedom of choice when it comes to provider services.

The Navajo Mountain Communications Tower: The establishment of the tower will enhance communication capabilities between governmental entities in the northern portion of the Navajo Nation, the State of Utah and Arizona. This major tower will serve as the first phase in establishing the main governmental infrastructure backbone for the Navajo Nation and broadband connectivity to the surrounding Chapters. Having a Navajo Nation owned communications back-bone would reduce the cost associated in leasing communications lines from local providers and external communication carriers. Reducing the “Total Cost Ownership” and realizing a return on investment for the Navajo is one of the primary focuses. This would achieve benefits such as using VoIP for cost

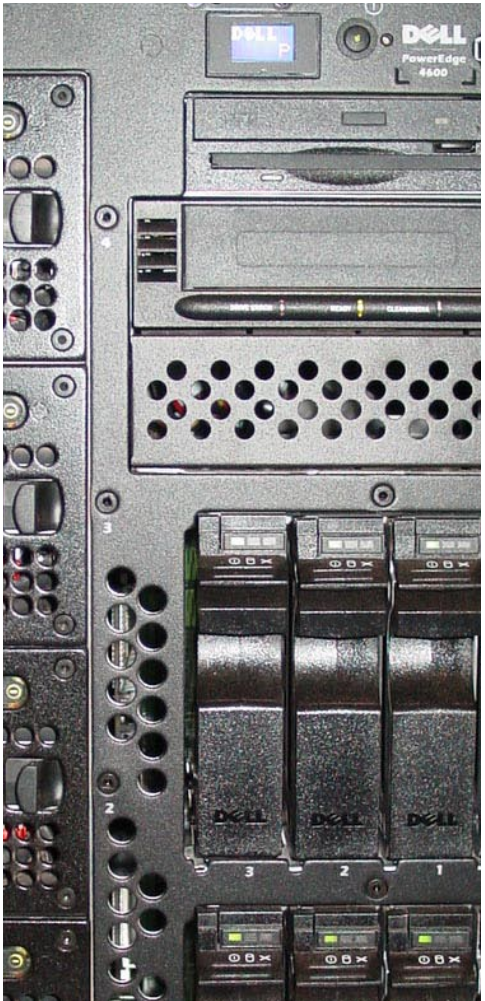
savings on monthly telephone charges; creating local on-line interactive courses to the bordering Universities; interactive telemedicine to reach doctors for immediate diagnosis; and promoting economic growth for local chapter members. The Local Governance Act (LGA) can realize its full potential with the economic stimulus using technology; and school children can access the internet from their homes to access global information, etc. The construction funding was secured by General Services Administration by resource sharing with Local, State, and Federal Agencies. An open round table discussion was held in Kayenta, AZ on March 9th and 10th where concerns and issues were raised relating to homeland security, public safety, emergency services, cultural sensitivity, educational services, and health services. This meeting served as a needs assessment that will determine the requirements on land acquisition, cultural sensitivity, and the tower design and construction elements.

Navajo Nation Government VoIP Services
Several Navajo Nation departments

have taken advantage of technological advances, have realized the savings and benefits of using VoIP to reduce the monthly incurred phone charges between their central offices to offices.

Plans of Actions are:

1. The Navajo Nation Broadband Executive Group will meet with chapter members surrounding Navajo Mountain to discuss culturally sensitivity concerns, the projected communication tower and provide more presentation on the benefits of broadband.
2. Utah, Arizona and NTUA telecommunication officials will produce a radio path profile on the projected communication tower on Navajo Mountain for further discussion. This includes a possible fiber link between the north and south tower on top of Navajo Mountain.
3. Discuss possible solutions on how to provide a communication link to the Navajo Mountain chapter. Navajo Mountain chapter is located at the base of the mountain and is not in line-of-sight with the north or south tower.
4. Combine all technical assessments from different entities.



SAVE THE SAN FRANCISCO PEAKS



Klee Benally of www.savethepeaks.org addresses students at Kayenta's Monument Valley High School about saving the San Francisco Peaks before screening his film "The Snowbowl Effect".

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., expressed profound disappointment and sadness to Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure on Tuesday after she informed him of her decision to approve artificial snowmaking and facilities expansion at the Arizona Snowbowl.

"I am already bleeding and I already have scars on my body because of what has happened to the Peaks," President Shirley told her in a telephone call. "Now, you've gone ahead and added salt to the wound. In my own way, I don't appreciate that."

"It's very unfortunate that the Forest Service supervisor Nora Rasure has taken the position that she has to proceed with further development of the San Francisco Peaks," President Shirley said in a statement. "Of course, she knew exactly where my heart is, where the hearts of all of Arizona's Native people are, before making this decision."

Ms. Rasure announced at a press conference Tuesday that she decided in favor of using reclaimed wastewater to make snow at the Snowbowl on San Francisco Peaks, and to allow

expansion of the ski areas facilities. expansion of the ski areas facilities. on San Francisco Peaks, and to allow expansion of the ski areas facilities.

In February, representatives of 13 Arizona tribes told Ms. Rasure at the Museum of Northern Arizona that they stand united in opposition to any further development on the San Francisco Peaks.

At its press conference, the Forest Service acknowledged that more than half of the 10,000 comments it received also opposed further development.

Ms. Rasure said the driving factor behind her decision was not the economic benefit the expansion would bring to the city of Flagstaff, estimated to be \$20 million, but the benefit to skiers who use the mountain.

"I have decided that it best serves the broad spectrum of the American public and the mission of the U.S. Forest Service to provide recreational opportunities for the public," she said.

President Shirley told her that allowing more development on the Peaks

is tantamount to eroding the Navajo culture, and permitting artificial snowmaking with reclaimed waste water desecrates a holy sacred site with filth.

"The Peaks are one of our strengths. It is our essence," he told her. "When you decide to contaminate it with reclaimed wastewater, with (filth) to make snow, that doesn't help my way of life. That doesn't help when I talk to my children and grandchildren about the importance of our way of life, and the pride that is to be taken because of our way of life."

The President said he would do all he can to see the decision reversed, including taking the issue to the United Nations. A 45-day appeal period will begin following publication of a legal notice.

"This hurts all Native people to see our ways of life done away with for money," President Shirley said. "There are plenty of other ways to make money besides putting (filthy) water on a sacred place. The city of Flagstaff will continue to grow. There are plenty of minds that are creative in the ways of making money for the city besides putting

filth on a sacred place, on a people."The San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff, Dookoosliid in the Navajo language, which means Always Glitters On Top, is the abalone and coral mountain to the Navajo people. It is one of the Navajos four sacred

mountains and appears on their tribal seal and flag. The 12,643-foot San Francisco Peaks, created by the Navajos Deities, First Man and First Woman, are the highest mountains in Arizona and serve as the traditional western boundary of the Navajos homeland.

Navajos say the Deities fastened Dookoosliid to the earth with a sunbeam and decorated it with abalone shell, black clouds, male rain, yellow corn and many kinds of wildlife.

In Navajo philosophy, Dookoosliid represents life.

Besides artificial snowmaking, the proposed alternative selected by the Forest Service calls for the development of a snowplay/tubing area, additional chairlifts, two enlarged guest lodges and terrain modification to existing ski runs.

The other alternatives considered in the process were Alternative 1 that called for no changes and Alternative 3 which provided for the developments except for snowmaking and the snowplay/tubing facility.

The Final Environment Impact Statement, Response to Comments, Record of Decision and other information about this project can be obtained on the internet at www.fs.fed.us/r3/coconino/nepa

The fight for the San Francisco Peaks is far from over, many organized groups such as, The Council Advocating an Indigenous Manifesto, The Dine Underground, Dine Pride, Phoenix Earth First, and Save the Peaks Coalition have been working diligently to educate and inform people of the situation. To find out how you can help stop snowmaking and expansion on the San Francisco Peaks, please visit:

<http://www.savethepeaks.org>

“How Sweet It Is!”

The blood, sweat, and tears experienced by Coach Fred Billie’s Lady Colts, have all paid off when the sound of the buzzer sounded after defeating the opposing team from Scotsdale, Az., for the 2005 State Championship title in ‘Valley of the Sun’. The Kayenta Middle School Girls Basketball team took home the inscribed trophy, reflecting their championship victory while placing a whole new meaning to “Rez-Ball.” It is evident that more finely tuned basketball players are emerging from the lower grade levels as they constantly set the tone for upcoming brothers, sisters, and relatives who possess a passion for basketball excellence. No longer is the game of basketball a light-hearted recreational sport played for the sake of an “extracurricular activity.” The Navajo Nation is home to many talented basketball players and with the recent State Championship Title now under their belt for the second time, the KMS Girls Basketball team has proven once again, that Kayenta is where some of basketball’s most talented players can be found.

To celebrate the victory, a special celebration for the players, parents, and everyone involved with the entire basketball program were invited to deliver a toast to the magnificent season at Kayenta Township’s newly constructed Town Hall. Chinese Cuisine was the dinner special provided by the Chinese Express establishment and contemporary country music accompanied the voices of discussion among attendees. Special guest speakers included Ed Tano (former M.V.H.S Football Coach), Allison Holiday (2005 3A North Regional Player of the Year), and Commissioner Jimmie Austin. Each took their allotted time to offer words of congratulations as well as encouragement based upon their individual experiences in the realm of sports and life.

“Thank your parents. You wouldn’t be here today if your parents didn’t support you totally. Also, your school administrators, you have a good principle Mr. Gilmore, who supports you. Celebrate academics before athletics,” commented Tano.

The evening continued to be

accompanied with much laughter and sentimental humor. Allison Holiday offered words of influence as she stated realistic goals that are true to hard working athletes. Behavior on the court and in life must be in unison. Mental and physical health are essential elements to being a winner.

“Being lazy will get you nowhere! If you work hard, it makes you a better person,” passionately stated Holiday.

“Be healthy, that means no McDonald’s, staying away from Burger King, but once in a while, have a Bashas burrito,” expressed Holiday.

The ceremonies conclusion offered final words of excitement from Coach Fred Billie. A summary of the team’s disappointing and happy times were reflected upon. “I remember during a tournament in Vegas, I had to call up a friend and ask him if I could stay a couple of nights, just to insure that the girls would eat well and were taken care of,” recalled Billie.

Although energy levels were high during this year’s season, such State Championships are no stranger to Coach Billie. In 2002, Billie led the KMS Girls Basketball team to a State Championship. With a proven recipe for success in motion, Billie anticipates future years to come where he will be able to celebrate on the court, just as he did at the conclusion of this year’s championship game.

“The first Championship we won, I didn’t know how to act, but this second time, it was great! I’d like to thank the Lord, my wife, and let’s always remember our soldiers,” concluded Billie.

Indeed, the evening was host to a successful celebration gathering and as the world turns, Coach Billie continues to exemplify a winning spirit as he has recently led the KMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball team to a Western Agency Championship in Tuba City, Az. The victory enables them to take their game to the capital of the Navajo Nation in Window Rock, Az., in hopes of bringing back the trophy, claiming them to be the Champions of the Navajo Nation in their respected grade level.

Coach Billie enjoys the gathering!



Commissioner Austin conducts the Celebration.



Commissioner Austin conducts the Celebration.



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Special appreciation was given to Carly Kescoli on behalf of KMS Athletics, for her unwavering support throughout the Basketball season.



Young Austin entertains the guests with his fascinating traditional dances.

TIN BIL DEEZ AA DEE SANII: “WOMEN OF THE ICE-CAPPED PEAKS” 2005 MOUNT RAINIER

:: Start Date: **July 29,2005**

:: End Date: **August 6, 2005**

:: Location: **Ashford, WA/USA**

:: Contact Person: **Valerie Hostenez/hm.928-265-7136/wk.928-697-8169**

::**Profile:** “Tin Bil Deez aa dee Sanii Expedition Women’s Club is an out-going challenge for bilingual Navajo women to claim themselves as strong and confident ladies. I will support dedicated participants who are able to climb mountains and fulfill their own dreams. Through mountaineering expeditions, I hope to build self-esteem and leadership among bilingual Navajo ladies. This experience will empower them to stand up for their own stated choice of protecting our land, culture and rights as Navajo women.” ~Valerie Hostenez

In the eyes of Valerie Hostenez along with those individuals who have participated in the indigenous Women’s Mountaineering Club, the entire project has been a success! This unique project, geared towards empowering various ethnic women, has provided such an experience among its past recipients. As Hostenez conquered towering mountains in South America in early 2003, she has since attracted a handful of selected women into the program. The most recent trek was taken on the Teton Mountains.

This year’s scheduled experience is to take place on the 14,410 foot summit of Mount Rainier in Ashford, Washington. This will provide participants with a unique package as they will be the first Navajo women to scale the towering mountain.

“The climb will bring together bilingual Navajo women with the opportunity to accomplish the common goal of reaching one of the highest points in all America,” stated Hostenez.

The climb is adrenaline

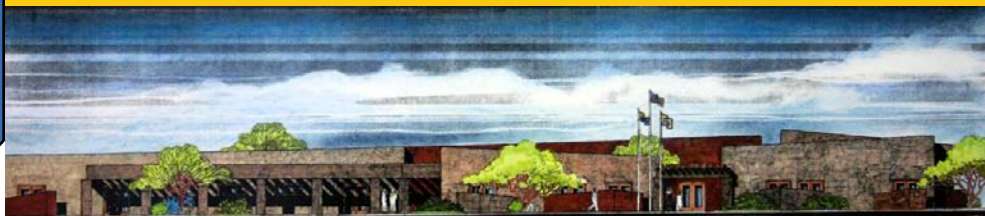
pumping when considered and there is no mistaking it will take dedicated preparation to meet the physical demands of such a climb. Both cardio and weight lifting exercises must be carefully devised to closely imitate what is to be anticipated from base camp to the top! Kayenta currently has 7 members scheduled for the climb this summer.

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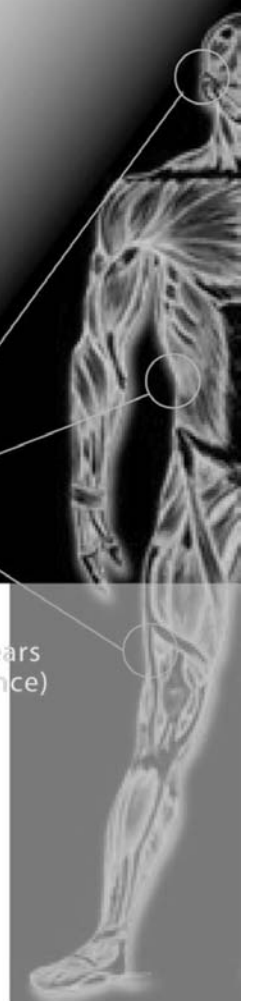
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Kayenta's Laguna Creek

By Richard Mike



Prior to the Township meeting of February 14, 2005, I wanted to name the lane behind my home site lease – Laguna Wash Way. In a research of the street in front of my home, I discovered that the road already had a name – Laguna Wash Road. I thought that the name Laguna Wash Road should be changed to Trading Post Row or Trading Post Road because when the street was still a dirt road, it began at the edge of Kayenta Motors, (near the present IHS Clinic), passed Kayenta Trading Post and the Kayenta Lodge and Café, on to Warren Trading Post, up the hill and on to Flagstaff, Arizona. Presently, I reside on top of the ruins of Warren Trading Post. I asked several persons at the Kayenta Township Office about my idea when one individual said, “You should name it Old Main Street because when I was a little girl, it use to be the only street in town”. Several other individuals remembered that it was indeed the only thoroughfare or wagon trail down the middle of Kayenta. I went to the Engineering Department of the Kayenta Township (KT) and asked if I could change the name of the street? I was bluntly refused permission to change the name of the street. The name was to stay Laguna Wash Road because the road was surveyed and used as a reference point for several other streets and as well as sewer lines, electrical lines, and water lines. “Fine”, I thought, “then I’ll just name the trail behind my house – Laguna Wash Lane”. The KT Engineering Department again said, “no”, evidently, it was too common to name a side-street – “Lane” or “Circle”, so they suggested “Way”,

- Laguna Wash Way. As it turned out, my resolution for a name to the lane behind my house was deferred to the next meeting. However, Jimmy Austin, Kayenta Township Commissioner, wanted to know where the name “Laguna Creek” came from? So I looked it up.

In 1823, Colonel Francisco Salazar led a detachment of Spanish soldiers into Tsegi Canyon (Laguna Pass) after a visit to the Hopi villages. They called Marsh Pass - Puerta de las Lemitas, in Spanish, named after the three-leaved sumac which grows in the region. They also reported small lakes or in their own language -“Lagoons” and expanded the canyon name to “Laguna Pass”. Charles L. Bernheimer in his account of his expedition of 1921 states:

Our packtrain, including our own mounts, left Kayenta early in the morning of June 27, 1921. ...Sagi at one time had been covered by a series of lakes, or lagunes, which have now entirely disappeared, leaving merely strips of black bog on the banks which indicate their ancient bottoms.

In several written accounts by John Wetherill, he refers to the Lakes of Tsegi. Tsegi in the Navajo language means “canyon”. Therefore when we refer to Tsegi Canyon, we are quite literally saying – “canyon canyon”. The name Laguna Pass was changed to the Navajo word for canyon – Tsegi Canyon. The name Lagoon however stuck and therefore we have the name Laguna Creek running through Tsegi Canyon.



KAYENTA MOVES FORWARD TO COMPLETE COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN

By Matthew Austin

Kayenta – After an extensive search, on January 31, the Kayenta Chapter passed a resolution appointing five members of the community to serve on the Kayenta Community Land Use Planning Committee (CLUPC). The chapter selected: Matthew Austin, Terry Cly, Rose Yazzie and Keith Betsuie, for membership on the CLUPC board. Lenora Spenser will act as the CLUPC staff coordinator.

The CLUPC board has been directed to provide guidance, develop a community assessment, conduct research, update and finalize a partially completed existing community land use plan, for eventual presentation before the Navajo Nation Transportation and Community Development Committee (TCDC).

Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Local Governance Act (LGA), all chapters are now required to complete a citizen-involved community land use plan, which is a five-part component to get certified under LGA. Once certified chapter governments will enjoy a financial and operational autonomy to determine its own destiny and develop services once restricted to the bureaucratic central government in Window Rock.

Some of these services include: exercising budgetary control, developing procurement procedures, entering into and negotiating, land and business leases. Rather than seeking approval on seemingly routine matters from Window Rock, this became a cumbersome and arduous process that could have taken years to accomplish.

As of today, the Kayenta Chapter has developed and implemented four of the Five Management Systems, which are LGA administrative requirements. Once the Community Land Use Plan is completed the Kayenta Chapter will have completed all Five Management Systems requirements and will be eligible for certification.

On February 10, 2005, the first Community Land Use Planning Committee meeting was held and as required by the CLUPC Plan of Operations, the committee leadership was determined by an election of officers. Matthew Austin was voted in as President, Terry Cly as Vice President and Rose Yazzie as Secretary Treasurer.

Public input and participation is vital to the community land use planning. The CLUPC members will be developing an assessment to obtain statistical data and information that will highlight community trends and growth concerns. The CLUPC is planning to hold a series of public hearings within the Kayenta Chapter boundaries regarding community land use planning. These hearings will attempt to seek public input and request planning concerns from the community, in addition to presenting planning concepts and ideas to all community members. Ultimately, the CLUPC board guides the planning process, but community input, participation and involvement determines the majority of the actual finalized planning.

The community land use plan will assist the chapter compile information to seek development funds through various governmental agencies. Additional, this plan could also assist in developing a rural address system and for emergency contingency planning for public safety agencies.

The CLUPC has decided to embark on an ambitious schedule and has targeted the beginning of February 2006 as the completion date.

The Kayenta CLUPC holds two open meetings per month, on the second and the forth Tuesdays. Meetings start at 7:00PM and anyone is encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please contact Lenora Spenser at 928-697-5520.

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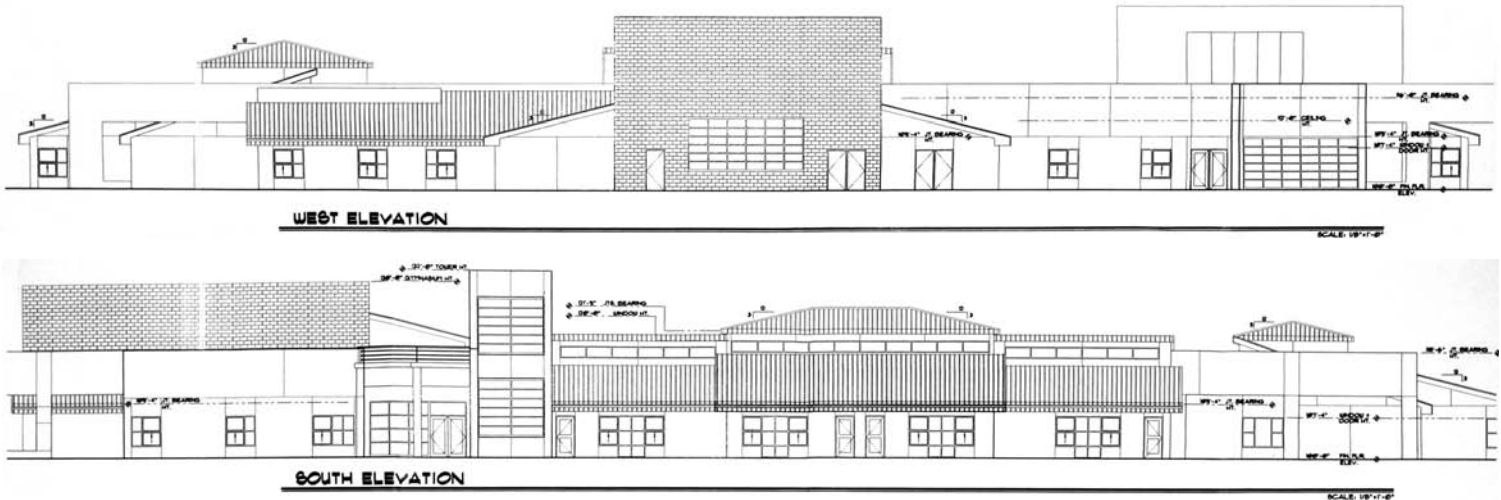
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KAYENTA'S HEAD START PROGRAM



Kayenta is a rural community with many needs to serve the population in the areas of housing, employment and more importantly education. The Kayenta Head Start program currently serves early childhood education for children ages three to five years old at the Kayenta Primary School. Classroom space for the Head Start program is contracted from Kayenta Unified School District.

Due to the increase of growth in primary school age children, the Kayenta Head Start program is being notified by the Kayenta Unified School District that the need for additional classroom space to accommodate additional primary students is imperative.

The Kayenta Head Start program is being asked to reduce the number of Head Start classrooms in the Kayenta Primary School building. Reducing or vacating the classrooms for the Head Start Program in the main building will only leave a Hogan structure classroom located outside of the main Kayenta Primary School building.

The reduction of classroom space for the Head Start program will severely impact the children that utilize the Head Start program. The question remains, "Where will these children go?"

Without a permanent site and facility of their own, these children face

the future without adequate development skills necessary to meet the challenges of their education. The Kayenta Head Start program is very important to these children so that they may acquire the basic skills to begin a successful education early in life.

Fortunately, the Kayenta Township and the Navajo Nation Department of Head Start are working in partnership to alleviate this situation. The Chapter of Kayenta is unique on the Navajo Nation, with the Kayenta Township recognized as the local municipal government that supports community development.

The Kayenta Township Commission

The Kayenta Township Commission approved its first Capital Improvement Project (CIP) listing and plan that identifies "construction ready", "project ready", and "planning phase" projects.

The CIP plan was developed through a community "Needs Assessment" survey which was completed in December of 2004. The plan ranked projects according to criteria of each project, having support with land withdraw & legal descriptions, clearances of right of way & easements, environmental assessment, archeological clearances, resolutions of support, architect & engineer design, and full funding identified and secure.

Projects that have all of the criteria completed are categorized as "construction ready". The Kayenta Head Start program is categorized as a "project ready" project.

Through the Kayenta Township CIP plan and project categorization of "project ready" status for the Kayenta Head Start facility, it is demonstrated as a community "Need" with full community support and documentation to move the project forward with all initiatives to bring this project up to "construction ready" status.



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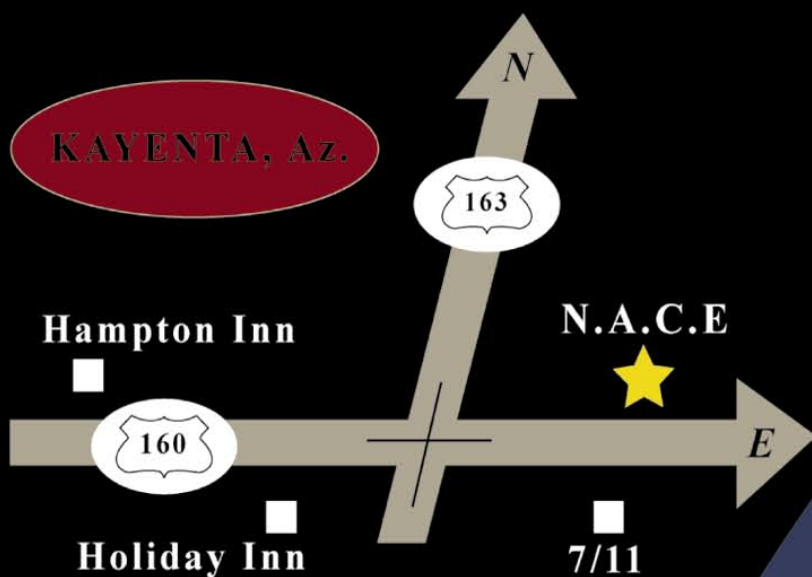
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KAYENTA GIRL CROWNED

MISS CEU-SJC

Shaylin Shabi, 18, of Kayenta, Ariz., was crowned Miss CEU-SJC April 1 by Sheena Lansing, CEU-SJC student council president. Shabi is the daughter of Pamela Zahney and Ulis Shabi. She will represent CEU-SJC throughout the year at special community events and at recruiting and campus activities. Shabi is currently taking general education courses and plans to pursue a communications degree with an emphasis in journalism. Her professional goal is to become a writer and complete a successful novel.

After graduating from CEU-SJC, she plans to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz., to complete a bachelor's degree. During her reign, Shabi says she will help more people learn about CEU-SJC.

"I want to help in any way I can so students and community members will realize what we have to offer here at CEU-SJC," said Shabi.

In addition to writing, Shabi enjoys singing, volleyball, and biking.



Shaylin Shabi was crowned Miss CEU-SJC by student council president Sheena Lansing.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Visits Navajo Nation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. - The second-highest law enforcement official in the United States made his first visit to a sovereign Native nation when he visited the Navajo capital on Monday.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Comey began his visit with an inspection of the Window Rock detention facility with Dolores Greyeyes, Director of Corrections for the Navajo Department of Public Safety.

He next met with Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., and other Navajo officials to learn first-hand about rising Navajo crime rates, domestic violence, homeland security issues, public safety and the judicial needs of the Navajo Nation.

Mr. Comey told President Shirley, We are colleagues in working together to address these various crimes.

He said he wants to work with the Navajo Nation, understands the serious nature of crime on Native lands, and that the U.S. Attorney's office has a role in helping tribes secure their lands.

President Shirley welcomed Mr. Comey to the Navajo Nation and presented him with a Navajo rug to commemorate his first visit. The President told him that the Navajo Nation appreciates President Bush

adding money to the FY 2006 Bureau of Indian Affairs budget for public safety programs but that it won't directly help the Navajo Nation because the Nation won't have access to it.

The Navajo Nation is using its own resources to try to help itself but that only goes so far, the President said. "We need assistance like other governments to ensure the public safety of our citizens.

Samson Cowboy, Director of the Navajo Division of Public Safety, told the DAG that jails are the key to reducing rising crime rates on the Navajo Nation. However, Navajo jails were built in the 1950s and 1960s and were intended to be used for only 25-to-30 years, and were not meant for long-term detention. Now, the Navajo Nation finds itself with unusable or dilapidated facilities.

In order for us to reduce crime, we have to have a facility, Mr. Cowboy said.

He added that while Navajo police officers make more than 38,000 arrests each year, there is jail space for only 103 inmates.

The Navajo population grew by 21 percent between 1990 and 2000, presenting ever-increasing challenges

such as rising crime rates, Mr. Cowboy said.

Navajo Judge Allen Sloan told Mr. Comey that most of the casework in the Navajo court system, 70,000-plus cases, involves criminal law and that Navajo criminals have a high rate of recidivism because of the lack of detention facilities on the Navajo Nation.

Offenders know we're unable to keep them in jail long-term, he said. They know that within 30-to-60 days a more serious offender will come in and bump them out of the system.

He said the limitation of jail space is very severe, leading to a great deal of frustration on the part of police, prosecutors and judges.

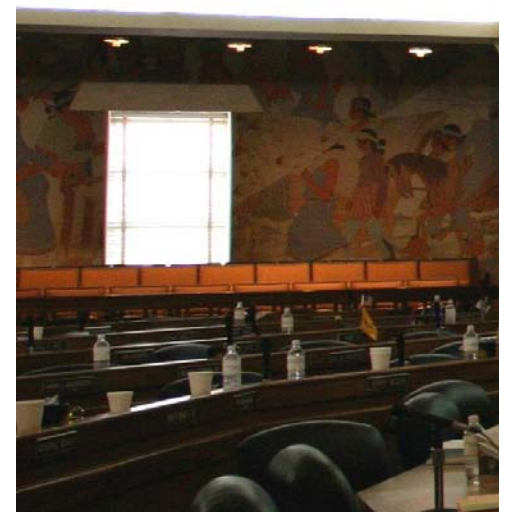
Navajo Nation attorney Stanley Pollock briefed the DAG on the tribe's efforts to secure its water rights. He said the Navajo Nation, like other tribes, is exchanging paper water rights for actual wet water.

He said if the Navajo Nation was to assert its long-standing claims, that could have massive affects throughout the West.

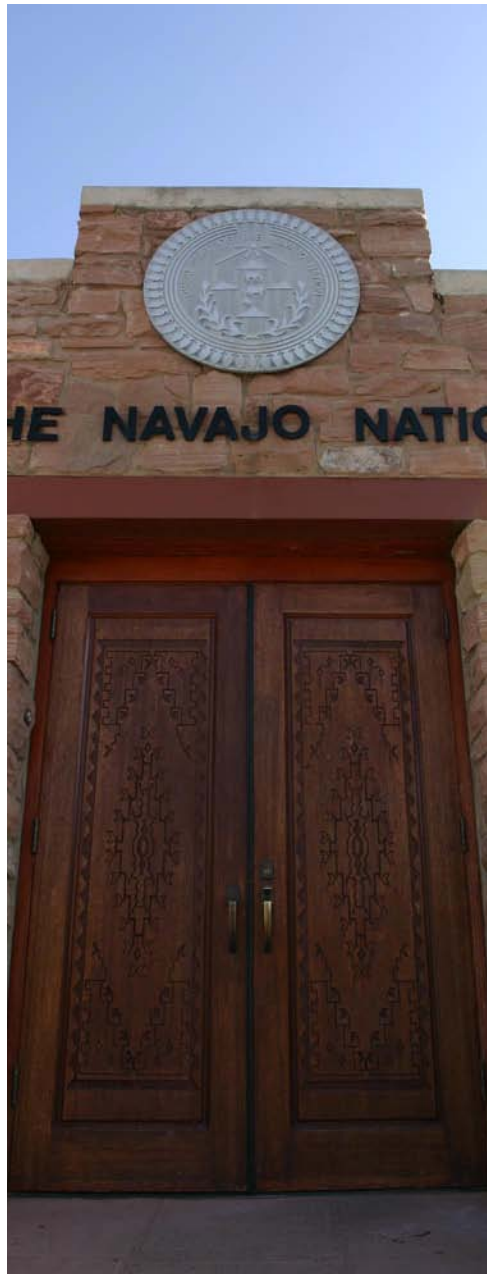
Navajo prosecutor Donovan Brown said there is a significant amount violent crime on the Navajo Nation as well as white-collar crime. He said he would like to resolve issues of evidence sharing with federal authorities to prevent cases from going on to be declined.

He said a concern of the 14 Navajo prosecutors is to see convicted criminals released before they serve even half of their sentences.

Among those attending Monday's meeting was U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico David Iglesias, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona Paul Charlton, Asst. U.S. Attorney for New Mexico Samuel Winder, Navajo Nation Washington Office Executive Director Sharon Clahchischillie and legislative associate Darren Pete, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Diane Humetewa.



NAVAJO NATION TO APPEAL SNOWBOWL DECISION



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.

On Monday, Navajo Sovereignty Day, the Navajo Nation will officially appeal the U.S. Forest Service's decision to allow the desecration of a sacred site through the expansion of the Arizona Snowbowl on Dook'o'osliid, and to permit artificial snowmaking using reclaimed wastewater, which Navajos refer to as chabito.

In joining an appeal filed by the Save The Peaks Coalition and other tribes, the Navajo Nation lists numerous spiritual, legal, scientific and procedural reasons for its appeal, and argues that the Forest Service failed to consider viable alternatives, or consider cumulative impacts of its decision, as is required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

It also argues that the Forest Service failed to engage in good faith consultation with tribes and did not provide tribes a reasonable opportunity to participate in the resolution of adverse effects as required by Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations.

On March 8, Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora B. Rasure announced her decision to permit the ski area expansion on the San Francisco Peaks over the vocal protests of 13 Arizona tribes and the majority of

thousands of respondents who submitted comments supporting the tribes' opposition to the planned development.

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., remains strongly opposed to the expansion of the Arizona Snowbowl and especially the use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow, which Navajos find vile and revolting.

He personally expressed his disappointment with the decision to Ms. Rasure on March 8.

The San Francisco Peaks represent the very essence of what it means to be a Navajo person, President Shirley said Sunday.

This decision is another in a long line from our federal trustee that allows the continued chipping away of Navajo culture. On the one hand, the United States passes laws to recognize the value and preserve and protect Native cultures on this continent. On the other, it violates the spirit and intent of those laws by sanctioning the destruction of those same cultures.

Last week, the Navajo Nation Council voted 63-0 to pass emergency legislation to reaffirm the Navajo Nation's opposition to the further desecration of the San Francisco Peaks.

The final environmental impact statement finds that San Francisco Peaks are sacred to at least 13 tribes that are still actively using the Peaks in cultural, historic, and religious way, said Howard Shanker, the attorney representing the Navajo Nation, the Hualapai Tribe, the Sierra Club, and various other parties including the Save The Peaks Coalition, on this appeal. Snowmaking, especially with the use of reclaimed water, would contaminate the natural resources needed to perform the required ceremonies that have been the basis for the cultural identity for many of these tribes.

Mr. Shanker said the Forest Service has forsaken its obligation as trustee and has undermined the viability of Native religions, traditions, and cultures through its decision to permit the Snowbowl expansion in order to enhance the skiing experience on the mountain and bring more revenue to Flagstaff's winter economy.

That doesn't justify the devastating impact this project has on the tribes and on the individuals that hold the San Francisco Peaks sacred, he said. This decision is not only morally and ethically indefensible, it was based on inaccurate and incomplete information and is an affront to all people of conscience.

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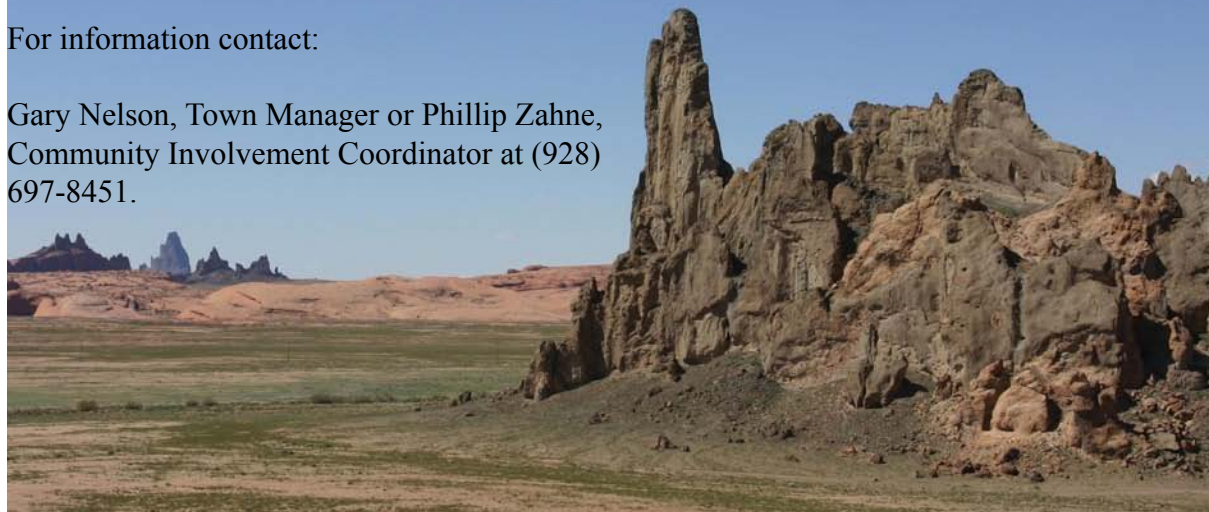
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NAVAJO PAINTBALLER GOES PRO

Jonathan "Jay" Jackson from Kayenta, is 'Ashühi', (Salt clan) born for Todich'ii'nii (Bitter Water clan) of the Navajo Tribe. He lives in Tempe, AZ, and competes professionally in paintball at Breakout Paintball Park.



Sweden, and Japan." said Jay.

The competition, camaraderie, and displays of skill of players from around the world are outstanding. Many players are doctors, lawyers, business owners, and even pro baseball players. The common bond among the players is a love for this competitive sport.

Paintball has Pro teams, Division 1-3 teams, World Cup tournaments at Disneyworld, Dick Clark TV deals, and even celebrities play (Will Smith, Linkin Park, and Cypress Hill.)

"It's pretty cool to travel and play around the country, see your pictures in paintball magazines and represent Arizona. I've played tournaments in San Diego, Los Angeles, Huntington Beach, Las Vegas, Chicago, New Jersey, Orlando, and all around our state." said Jay.

Jay enjoys the exposure he gets from playing and being able to show friends and family that this paintball is a real sport. During his 18 years of play, Jay noticed only a few Natives out on the playing fields. He said that he saw three Natives at the Chicago 2003 NPPL tournament, and a few playing locally.

"Where's the rest? It would be nice to see an all-Native paintball team with male and female players. Yes, I said female, there are quite a bit of female players playing tournaments." said Jay.

Paintball allows males and females to compete equally on the field. Many teams have top female players like Keely Watson, Claire Benavides, Tammi Adamson, and Bea Youngs.

For more information on paintball, e-mail Jay at jjacks5568@hotmail.com

"I would like to introduce all of you on the Navajo Nation to a sport called tournament paintball. I play in the Super Seven World Series of the National Professional Paintball League." said Jay.

Many of you may have heard about a friend or a relative who has played paintball, but did you know that 9 million people in 40 different countries play annually. That number makes paintball the third most played extreme sport in the nation. Pretty impressive for a game where you mark (shoot) each other with gelatin balls filled with paint.

The game first started off with some guys running around the woods marking at each other, and now has progressed to a highly competitive sport requiring levels of skill and physical fitness. Tournament teams are made up of 7-on-7 players in 7 minute games of capture the flag. There are standard field designs, and lengthy rules, as well as punishment for infringing on those rules (Example, banning players, team disqualifications, suspensions and fines).

When paintballs are fired their speed is monitored by a radar chronograph to ensure the velocity is not too high. Paintball players wear goggles designed specifically for the sport. The advancement of paintball markers from bolt action pump guns to highly advanced electric semi-automatic markers. (This means being able to shoot one paintball at a time to shooting 16 at a time.) These paintball markers (guns) are powered by refillable bottles of co2 (carbon dioxide) or nitrogen (N2) compressed air.

"I cannot begin to describe my experiences about the places I've been, the things I've done and the people I've met through paintball. I've met and remain friends with players from Russia, France, Canada, England,



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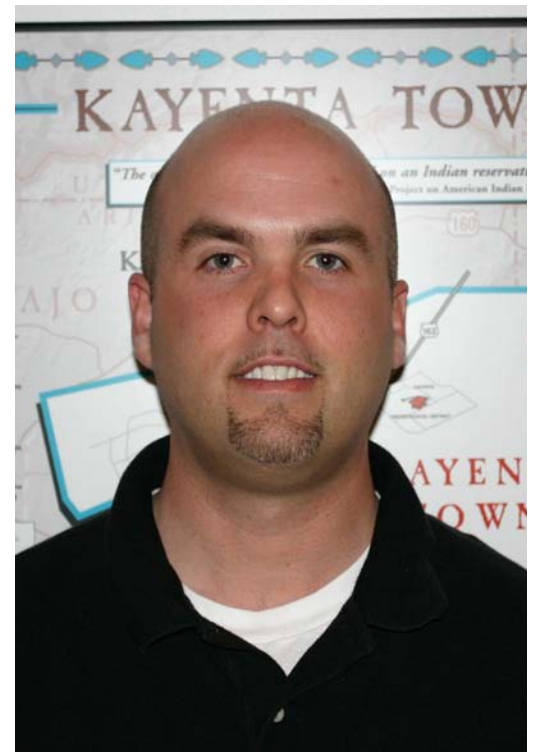
NEW STORAGE FACILITY FOR KAYENTA

The Kayenta Township Commission approved a site designation, business lease, and construction for a new mini storage in Kayenta. David S. Larkin of SADL Inc. said, "Construction will begin in June or July of 2005."

The new mini storage will be constructed in two phases, phase one will consist of three hundred storage units, phase two will consist of an additional 200 storage units.

Phase one of the storage units will consist of fifty 5'x10' units, two-hundred 10'x10' units, and fifty 10'x20' units. Each unit will have concrete floors and secure doors to withstand the dust. The building will be grey with blue doors and be located on Highway 160 near the Navajo County Courthouse.

Mr. Larkin said."I'm really surprised,



David S. Larkin of SADL Inc

prised, if I went through the Navajo Tribe it would have taken at least two and a half years to get approved, but going through the Kayenta Township only took a few months. The Kayenta Township has been very helpful"

SADL Inc. plans to build additional storage facilities in Tuba City, Chinle, and Red Mesa.

3rd Annual Navajo/Hopi Honor Run Visit the Kayenta Township

On May 19, the 3rd Annual Navajo/Hopi Honor Run stopped in Kayenta. The Kayenta Township provided riders with cool drinks, sandwiches, and fresh fruit.

Community leaders, Township Manager Gary Nelson, Kayenta Township Commission Member Eugene Badonie, and Kayenta Chapter Vice President Alice Yazzie greeted the riders at the Kayenta Town Hall. Although the stop by the riders was brief, many appreciated the hospitality the community of Kayenta gave to them.

The purpose of the run is to promote healing to veterans, and to call for an accounting of all POWs and MIAs and to honor those killed in action.



Kayenta Town Manager, Gary Nelson with Navajo Nation Vice President, Frank Dayish JR, and First Lady, Virginia Dayish.



On Saturday, April 23, 2005, Project Pride took to the streets of Kayenta with one purpose in mind and that was to generate community pride through a trash clean-up. The normal spring winds decided to take the day off and the rainy weather didn't arrive until the following day so it was a beautiful day for a trash clean-up.



The members of Project Pride couldn't have asked for a better day. The dedicated trash pickers picked up at least 70 bags of trash. Some of the members include the Kayenta Township Manager, Gary Nelson, Kayenta Township Commission Members, community members, and students from the Kayenta Middle School and Monument Valley High School.



“We even had some MVHS alumni that made the drive from the Valley of the Sun to attend this great event. The total turnout for this event was 63, which was an improvement from last year's event with a number of 48. However, this year we had fewer students and more community members who donated their time to the community.” said Jarvis Williams.



This event is great opportunity for participants to give back to the community and celebrate their accomplishments for one day. The trash in Kayenta is a constant problem and the project serves as a teaching tool for civic participation, which all students should become aware of. The important thing is that the project was created by students of Monument Valley High School. The students obtain an idea of how to create a community project from the grassroots and watch it grow into something great.



The members of Project Pride would like to thank all the people who made this event possible.

These students helped present the proposal to the township:

Patricia Yazzie
Alethia Clitso
Cassandra Martinez
Jarom Thinn
Marques Sells
Shawlynne Yazzie.

These students helped solicit donations from the local businesses:

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“Next year, we would like to expand to include the removal of old vehicles and even tree planting. See you all, next year!! Thanks again for your participation!”

- Jarvis Williams

Youth Empowerment Services Paradise Loop Ride

A shaggy white rez dog chasing a biker across the sandy trails of Sage Valley is not an especially odd sight. But when you realize that there are dozens of tracks in the sand already and even more single tracks forming behind, you know something is up. The "something" is the Paradise Loop Ride, an annual spring mountain bike ride in the Shonto and Navajo Mountain area. And the tracks are all leading to Natsisaan, Navajo Mountain, where the quiet community is already bustling with pow-wow beats and native rock. The Paradise Loop Ride trail is up and running and the sleepy route leading from Shonto to Navajo Mountain is alive with action.



This year's Loop Ride, wedged between snowy weekends, had all of the area's best - red rock canyons, blue skies, live music, loads of fry bread and mountain bikes everywhere. Participants from Kayenta, Shonto, T'iis Naazbas, Flagstaff, Inscription House, Black Mesa, Navajo Mountain and Tsaille took part in the 9th annual ride on March 11-13. Most of the participants were students and school groups, but a few riders came from as far away as Tucson, Jerome and Albuquerque to experience the Navajo Nation and support the youth programs of Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah.



The two-day, 69-mile ride covers some dramatic country in northern Arizona and southern Utah, with the overnight camp on Saturday night at Navajo Mountain. After sand-surfing through Sage Valley north of Tall Mountain, the route took riders onto Piute Mesa before plunging into the depths of Piute Canyon. After climbing out onto the north rim of the canyon, riders were met with a stiff headwind for the final five miles up to Navajo Mountain. Day two skirted along the southern slopes of Navajo Mountain before heading south and west toward Inscription House and back to Shonto.



Y.E.S. will be organizing mountain bike programs this summer as part of the Tour de Rez mountain bike series with students from Shonto, Kayenta, Shiprock, T'iis Naazbas, Red Valley and Lukachukai. The summer finale will be a two-week journey through the heart of the reservation, beginning at Window Rock. The route will traverse the Chuska and Lukachukai Mountains, Monument Valley and Navajo Mountain on the journey to the Colorado River at the Grand Canyon. Participants are welcome from communities across the reservation and will be take part in unique learning activities throughout the trek in addition to the great rides and hikes each day. Y.E.S. sponsors the Chuska Challenge mountain bike event each fall in the Chuska Mountains east of Tsaille.



The Loop Ride is one of a year-round series of events and outings organized by Y.E.S. for Dine' Bikeyah, a non-profit organization based in Shonto. Y.E.S., which was established in 1994, works with schools and groups across the reservation in organizing mountain biking trips, backpacking treks, positive music events, college experience programs and other community-based programs for families and youth. Over 110 outings have been successfully completed over the past ten-plus years. Treks to Supai, Rainbow Bridge and Grand Canyon are planned for later this spring with various groups, and the programs will really heat up with the onset of summer.



For more information about Y.E.S. or any of these programs, contact our Director Tom Rigenach at chuskaman@yahoo.com or call 928.338.1702. The Y.E.S. website has a lot of information about the organization and upcoming events: www.youth-empowerment-services.org.

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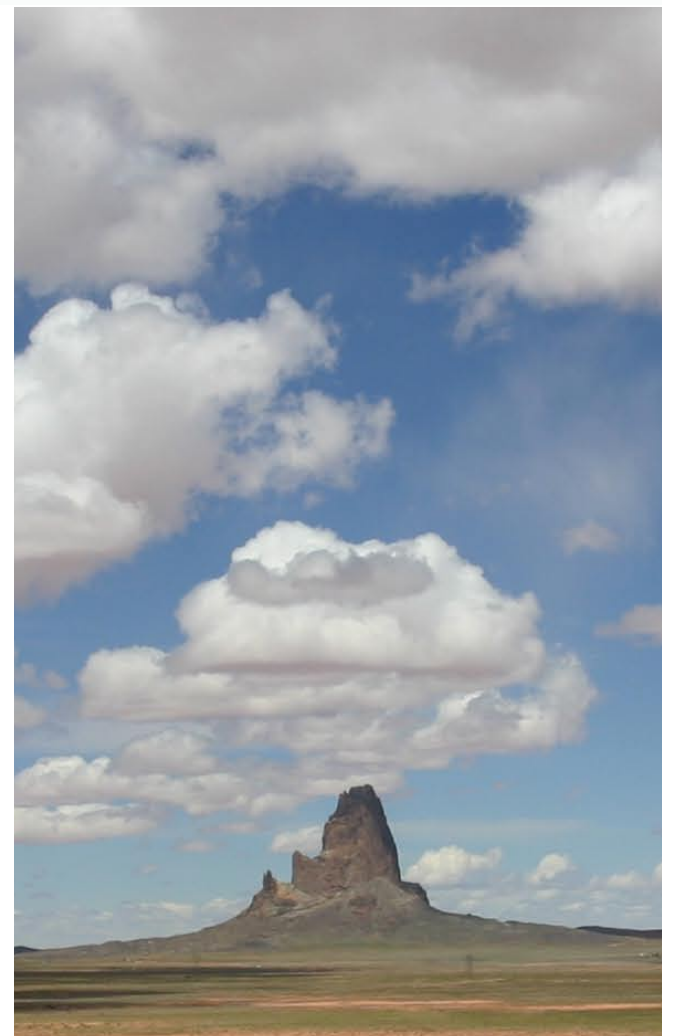
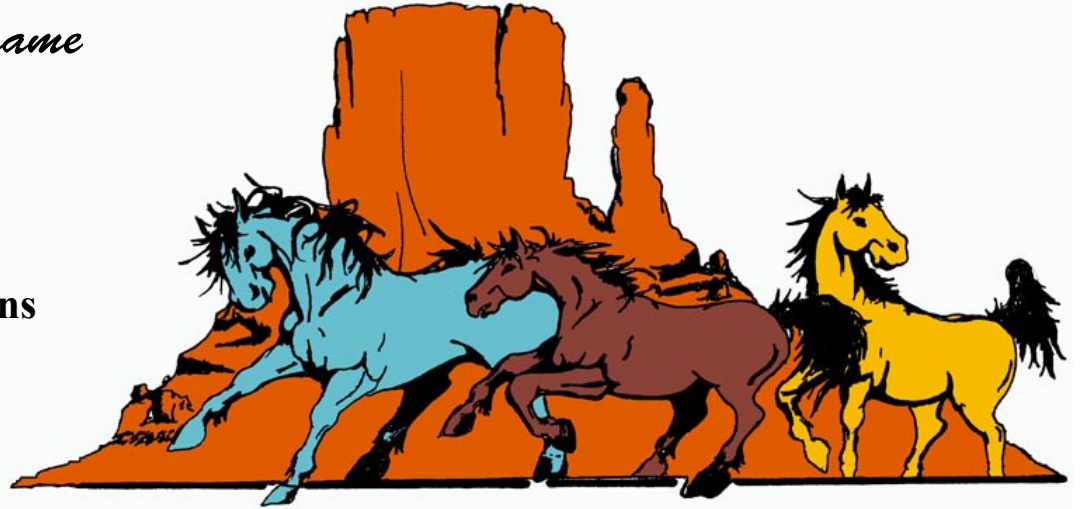
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Kayenta to be Navajo Nation Host for World Harmony Run

Kayenta will be the official Navajo Nation host for the World Harmony Run May 29th, 2005. Participating runners from around the world are estimated to arrive in Kayenta around 3:30 pm.

The World Harmony Run is a global Torch Relay that seeks to promote international friendship and understanding. This year an international team of runners will carry a flaming Torch, symbolizing humanity's aspiration for oneness, through more than 70 countries around the globe.

People from thousands of communities along the route will join the runners. As they pass the Torch from hand to hand, their shared joy strengthens their dreams for a world of oneness and harmony.

The World Harmony Run touches the lives of millions of people along its route. The runners visit schools, community groups, running clubs, and local and national government organizations. At these stops they celebrate the goal of world harmony as well as recognize people in the community who work towards it.



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NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL CONFIRMS HERB YAZZIE AS CHIEF JUSTICE

The Navajo Nation Council today confirmed the appointment of Herb Yazzie as probationary Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation by a vote of 67 in favor and 10 opposed.

Judiciary Committee Chairperson Willie Grayeyes (Inscription House/Navajo Mountain) sponsored Legislation No. 0258-05 to confirm Yazzie. Katherine Benally (Dennehotso) made the motion to consider the legislation and Young Jeff Tom (Mariano Lake/Smith Lake) was the seconding party.

The Judiciary Committee forwarded qualified applicants to the President of the Navajo Nation, who then selected Yazzie for appointment to the position of Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court.

“It’s been a long time search for the Chief Justice,” Grayeyes said. He requested that delegates confirm Yazzie for the position.

Attached as an exhibit were the President’s letter of appointment, copies of Yazzie’s juris doctorate and bachelor’s degrees from Arizona State University and three letters of recommendation.

Immediately following the vote, Acting Chief Justice Lorene B. Ferguson administered the oath of office to Yazzie.

The Council also voted to confirm the appointment of Carol Kirk Perry as probationary District Court Judge of the Navajo Nation by a vote of 42 in favor and 20 opposed. Grayeyes was also the sponsor of that legislation, which was motioned by Lawrence Platero (Tohajiilee) and seconded by Roy Laughter (Chilchinbeto/Kayenta).

The Council, earlier in the day, congratulated Navajo police officer Fayette Dale for receiving a National Native American Law Enforcement Association Award.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Hope MacDonald LoneTree (Coalmine Canyon/Toh Nanees Dizi) sponsored Legislation No. 0153-05 to recognize and congratulate Dale. Larry Noble (Jeddito/Low Mountain/Steamboat) made the motion and Ray Berchman (St. Michael/Oak Springs) made the second.

“She exemplifies exactly what our Navajo officers face on a daily basis,” LoneTree said during her presentation. She noted that Navajo Nation law enforcement officers often work 60 to 70 hours a week on a 40-hour paycheck.

Acting Police Chief Bobby Etcitty said, “I want to congratulate officer Fayette Dale for the recognition. She has done much work. She has put her life on the line. It isn’t often that one of our own is recognized.”

Dale was nominated for the national award by Federal Bureau of Investigations officer Nick Mann.

The Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) presented Dale with a plaque on behalf of the Council, while the Public Safety Committee helped during the presentation.

The speaker said, “I want to note that all of our Navajo Nation staff in public safety deserves to be recognized nationally. We want all people to know that the service of our public safety officers is a critical need for all people.”

The Council had begun the day by recognizing visitors from Canyon de Chelly Elementary School third grade in Chinle, Arizona. The students joined the delegates in singing “Happy Birthday” to Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council Lawrence T. Morgan, who celebrated his birthday on Saturday, April 16, 2005, and to Linda Youvella from the Council delegates’ office.

“You liven up the day for us,” the speaker said to the students.

After the vote to table Legislation No. 0611-05 – the Azee Bee Nahagha Act of 2004 – was recalled, delegates debated on the issue once again. The legislation, which had been tabled to the summer session to work out some concerns that delegates brought up on behalf of their constituents, failed to pass by a vote of 36 in favor and 40 opposed.

Following the vote, Amos Johnson (Black Mesa/Forest Lake/Rough Rock) made a motion to add emergency legislation to oppose the desecration of Dook’o’sliid, or the San Francisco Peaks. Lorenzo Bates (Upper Fruitland) was the seconding party. The legislation was added to the agenda by a vote of 62 in favor and 3 opposed.

The Council also took action on other pieces of legislation,

including passage of legislation by Human Services Committee Chairperson Young Jeff Tom to extend “The Year of the Navajo Veteran” through the year 2005 to recognize and honor Navajo men and women who have served in the United States military.

Delegate Harold Wauneka (Fort Defiance) directed Tom to draft legislation that would address concerns by delegates from the Fort Defiance Agency Caucus.

The Council separately confirmed two appointments to the Commission on Navajo Government Development. Mae Horseman was confirmed by a vote of 72 in favor and none opposed; and James Turquaoise was confirmed by a vote of 73 in favor and none opposed, with one amendment to change language.



Herb Yazzie - Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation

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Kayenta's Forgotten Cemetery

By Richard Mike

At the behest of Harvey Leake, grandson of John and Louisa Wetherill, we went to the old Kayenta Community Cemetery located immediately west of the Kayenta Primary School and north of their huge scrape and savage yard. Even when I was in the 6th and 7th grade, I use to wonder who was buried there? Even in those days more than 50 years ago, the graves were unmarked although they had a fenced perimeter around them. When we went there, there were a number of old gray weathering fence posts defining about an acre tract of land. There was also another enclosed area, much smaller and the perimeter marked by a rusting wire fence. The enclosed area was perhaps 10 feet in width and 20 feet in length. There was one headstone upon which was written:

ELIZABETH LAVINA
ASHCROFT
Aug 21, 1925
Aug 21, 1925

Leaning against one of the west side fence post but immediately outside of the burial perimeter, was what looked like a sandstone headstone. There were no markings although it was cut like a headstone and there were some scratches here and there. Harvey said that he wanted to look at the gravesite because three of his relatives were buried there. The easiest way to explain Harvey's relatives who are buried there is to begin with a family tree beginning with John and Louisa Wetherill:

JOHN WETHERILL
Born: Sept. 24, 1866
Died: November 30, 1944
and
MARY LOUISA WADE
Born: Feb. 15, 1870
Died: Sept. 18, 1945

Two Children
Benjamin Wade Wetherill
Born: Dec. 28, 1896
Died: July 15, 1946
and
Georgia Ida Wetherill
Born: Jan. 17, 1898
Died: July 4, 1935

Georgia Ida married Victor Kilcrease in 1921. She miscarried two twin boys several weeks before term. The twins were buried at the Kayenta Community Cemetery with wooden crosses as markers.

Ben Wetherill married Kayenta schoolteacher Myrle Jeanette Davis in 1923. Ms. Davis was already pregnant with another's baby when they got married. The baby was stillborn and buried in the Kayenta Community Cemetery with a sandstone headstone. She was buried under her mother's maiden name – Myrle Jeanette Davis.

On the morning of May 14, 2005, I traveled to the Inscription House junction to the Crossroads Trading Post. The owner of the Trading Post is the daughter of James Ashcroft – Tauna L. Ashcroft. There I had an interview with Mr. James B. Ashcroft.

Mr. James Ashcroft started out by telling me that he lived in Hurricane, Utah and was leaving in a few hours for home. He told me that he still loved it on the reservation and missed some of his Navajo friends.

I was one of five children and I am 84 years of age. My parents were Charley and Myrtle Ashcroft and in 1920, they built Dennehotso Trading Post. They had five children and they were in rank order:

Charles Ashcroft Jr. (Buried in Gallup), Lelia (Buried in Farmington), James, that's me, Clyde who lives in Concho, Az., and Elizabeth who was stillborn.

Elizabeth was buried at Kayenta because it was the closest community with a community cemetery. Kayenta had a tuberculosis facility you know? Inside the community cemetery, which is still outlined by old gray wooded poles, my father made a separate wire enclosure to bury my sister. He made a wooden marker with her name and date of birth and death on it. However, like many of



the other markers, the wood simply faded away. I went back about 1995 to implant a new wooden marker that I made and as I was removing the weeds and bushes, I swept away some of the sand. Underneath the sand was the stone grave marker that is still there. Evidently, my father had it made and put it there around 1952 or '53. I still have the wooden marker that I made and never planted.

Originally, my sister was the only one buried within the enclosed fence inside the enclosed fenced community cemetery. Remember many infants died in those days since there were no respirators, especially for premature babies. Nowadays we take premature babies for granted but back in those days, premature and stillborn were the same. Everyone back in those days said "stillborn" when in fact a baby might have lived 5 or 6 hours because it was born a couple of weeks too early. Anyway, one of the Magnum babies was stillborn about 1926 and they wanted their baby buried inside "our" small fence. Back then, Mr. Mangum worked for the government. Later, a Navajo infant was buried in our small family plot.

Question: What about the Wetherill infants?

No, they were buried right next to our family plot but not inside. One of their children had a sandstone marker but all of the writing wore off. I tried to make out the markings many years ago but I couldn't.



I boarded 8 years with John and Louisa Wetherill because there were no schools at Dennehotso. The school at Kayenta only went up to the 8th grade with only one teacher. I went to school with Lillian (Smith) Bradley, the brothers and sisters of Jack Taylor (and names that I did not recognize.)

On June 8, 2005, I interviewed Sara Louise Rocha. One of her relatives is buried at the Kayenta Community Cemetery.

Which of your relatives is buried at the Kayenta Community Cemetery?

She would have been my Aunt, Lucy LaPahe from Shiprock, New Mexico, my mother's sister. She died of TB at 18 years of age in the old hospital. She died in the old hospital, which was later converted to a TB sanitarium. (Note: The Kayenta Tuberculosis Center was converted from a small hospital in 1934 until 1944.)

Basically the Navajo people were afraid of death and you know how after 4 days, they don't want to talk about the dead person anymore? So they didn't care to go to the grave or talk about it. It was the hospital people who took care of the graveyard. They would put up wooden crosses with the names painted on but eventually, the crosses would fall down and the Navajo families didn't care to take care of the crosses. They wouldn't go into the graveyard or even talk about it. For my aunt, my father made a wooden casket. The TB victims were usually just wrapped in a blanket and buried.

What to do? I think that we should put up several historical markers, one at this site telling about the community cemetery and another at the John Wetherill grave site. Perhaps in the next issue of Kayenta Today, I'll tell about the John Wetherill grave site and its various occupants.

INSCRIPTION HOUSE HEALTH CENTER AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT RECEIVE AWARDS

The Inscription House Health Center received the 2004 National Directors Award for constantly doing an outstanding job and always dedicating their time to the patients, staff and the Clinic tenants. The ceremony was held April 22, 2005 in North Bethesda, Maryland at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

The award was received by Mr. David Curley on behalf of the Inscription House Facility Maintenance Department. Mr. Curley extends his gratitude for your support and acknowledges his staff for their continuous demonstration with respect and teamwork. Their service collaborates with all departments, they are always prompt and always deliver with a smile. They also assist in housekeeping and administrative needs such as facilitating patient care, maintaining clinic workflow and late patient transports.

The internal and external grounds upkeep and facility up-grades reflect on David's staff and he's very proud of his team.

Also, the Inscription House Health Center Facility Management Staff received the 2005 National Secretary's Award, for their distinguished service. Each year, the Secretary recognizes employees who have significantly advanced the Department's mission and goals at the Department Honor Awards program.

The Ceremony was May 25, 2005 in the Great Hall of the Hubert Building in Washington, D.C. Mr. Lee Austin received this award on behalf of the Facility Maintenance Staff. Let's congratulate the entire maintenance staff at Inscription House.



KAYENTA TOWNSHIP RECIEVES 49 NEW RADIOS FOR KAYENTA EMERGENCY PERSONNEL

On June 2, 2005, the Kayenta Township received forty-nine new two-way radios valued at over \$36,000.00 from the Northern Regional Advisory Council. Larry Dunagan from the Navajo County Management Services in Holbrook, Arizona delivered the radios to the Kayenta Township office.

"Over 600 new radios have been purchased for all agencies across Navajo County with Homeland Security funding." said Larry Dunagan.

An intergovernmental agreement was needed in order to receive the new radios. Larry Dunagan said, "An intergovernmental agreement and the review process between the Navajo Nation and the Northern Regional Advisory Council would have taken too long, so we decided to work with the Kayenta Township instead. The Township is a local government on the Navajo Nation, and the agreement and review process went through very quickly."



Kayenta Township Community Involvement Coordinator Phil Zahne, who is also a member of the Navajo County Homeland Security Task Force, conducted an inventory of all radios over five years old utilized by emergency personnel in Kayenta. This included the Kayenta Police Department, Kayenta Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services. The total count of old radios that needed to be replaced was ninety-seven. This was nearly every radio currently being used by emergency personnel in Kayenta.

Phil Zahne then put together a proposal and brought it forward in February 2005 to the Northern Regional Advisory Council requesting ninety-seven two-way radios for Kayenta Township emergency personnel.



In May 2005, the Northern Regional Advisory Council sent the Kayenta Township five new radios for testing purposes. The Township gave the new radios to the Kayenta Police Department to test them in the field. Police officers said that the new radios performed very well and were more reliable than the older radios they were using.

Of the ninety-seven radios requested, the Kayenta Township was awarded forty-nine. The radios are fully programmed and ready to be distributed to Kayenta emergency personnel. Phil Zahne will submit another proposal to the Northern Regional Advisory Council next week requesting an additional 48 radios.

Kayenta's Graduates of



2005

Congratulations

From The Kayenta Township





SHEEP MASSACRE AT LOCAL FFA LAB.

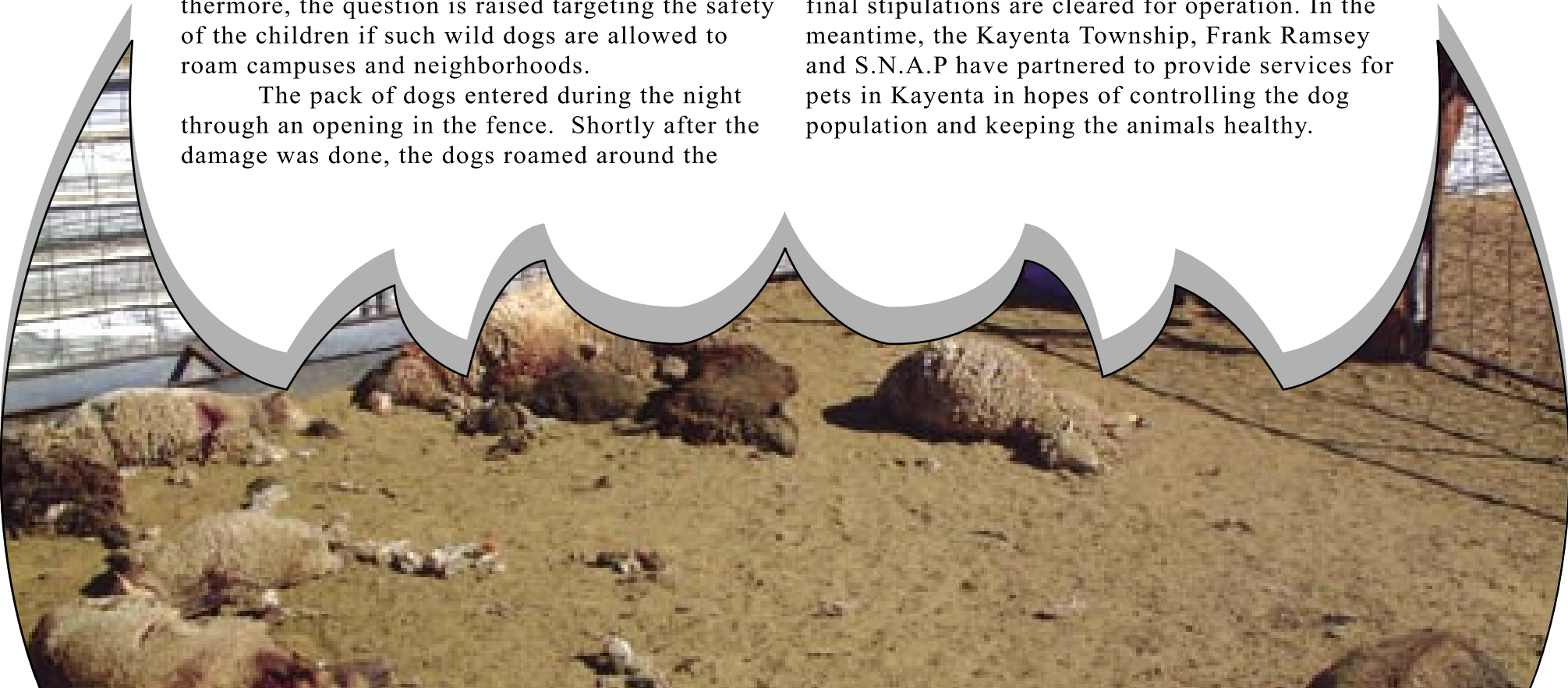
KAYENTA, AZ.- The growing epidemic of ruthless stray dogs in Kayenta continues to increase with the question on everyone's mind as to when an animal shelter will establish itself to combat the problem. A problem that was experienced in the community on May 7, 2005, when a herd of sheep were ravaged and killed in the blink of an eye. Intense casualties occurred resulting from their infamous existence. It didn't take but a few minutes for nearly 22 innocent sheep to become play toys for a posse of loose dogs. On May 5, the Thursday prior, 6 dogs were slaughtered, making the total casualties a stunning 28. Losing an enormous amount of livestock over night has raised great concern and skepticism for livestock safety not only for herds occupying the Kayenta Unified School District's Land Lab, but also livestock throughout Kayenta's outlying community. Furthermore, the question is raised targeting the safety of the children if such wild dogs are allowed to roam campuses and neighborhoods.

The pack of dogs entered during the night through an opening in the fence. Shortly after the damage was done, the dogs roamed around the

westside of the land lab as local law enforcement and other attendees looked on. Statements issued by the officer at the scene made reference to the fact that the dogs would actually have to be caught in the act in order for them to be detained.

"Different people showed up on the scene, but little was done," commented Frank Gilmore, MVHS CTE Director.

Another pressing concern lies in the fact that Kayenta has yet to accommodate its residents with an Animal Shelter. A reality that local resident and Animal Control Specialist, Frank Ramsey, has been fighting to resolve for quite some time now. In an earlier discussion with Ramsey, he clearly stated that the issue of wild dogs is a problem occurring throughout the Navajo Nation and there's nothing being done about it. Indications are clear that an Animal Shelter is on its way once final stipulations are cleared for operation. In the meantime, the Kayenta Township, Frank Ramsey and S.N.A.P have partnered to provide services for pets in Kayenta in hopes of controlling the dog population and keeping the animals healthy.



3rd KAYENTA ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND BUSINESS EXPO

JULY 26 - 28, 2005

Kayenta Town Hall

Kayenta, Arizona

Keynote Speakers

**Janet Napolitano**

Governor, The State of Arizona.
(Has been invited, not confirmed)

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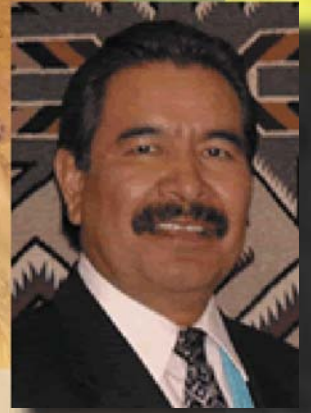
**“State of the State Address and
What the State is doing to Im-
prove Relations with the Navajo
Nation”**

Mr. Albert Hale

Senator, District 3, Arizona State Legislature
(Has been invited, not confirmed)

Topic:

**“Key Native American Issues at
the State Level “**

**Mr. Gilbert Jimenez**

Director, Arizona Department of Commerce

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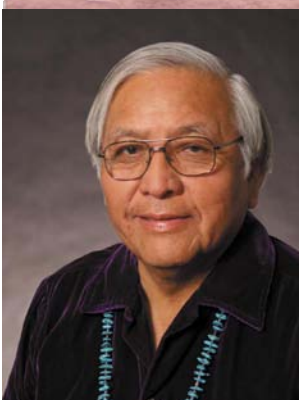
**“Forging a New Economic Rela-
tionship between the State and
the Navajo Nation”**

Ms. Ann Kirkpatrick

Representative, District 3, Arizona State
Legislature

Topic:

**“How the State and the Navajo
Nation should Formulate their
Relationship for the Future”**

**Peterson Zah**

Former President of the Navajo Nation

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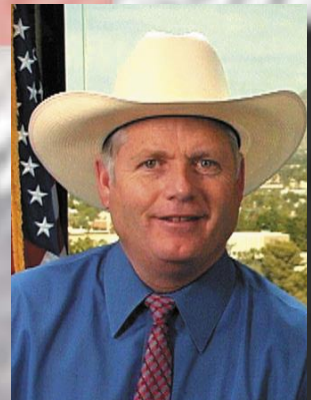
**“How the Navajo Government
must Change its Role to En-
hance Greater Economic Devel-
opment”**

Mr. Eddie Browning

USDA - Arizona

Topic:

**“Creating Rural Economies in
the Navajo Nation”**



Introductory Speakers

**Gary H. Nelson**

Town Manager, Kayenta Township.

Topic:

**“The Importance of the Grassroots
Communities in Navajo Nation
Economics “**

Mr. Eugene Badonie

Chairman, Kayenta Township Commission

Topic:

**“Local Empowerment, the Path
to Navajo Economic
Prosperity”**



PROPOSED TENTATIVE AGENDA



Tuesday Evening, July 26

6:30 – 9:00
Welcome Reception & Registration
Hors’d’oeuvres
Entertainment by: Toh Di Nesh Zhe’ Singers

Wednesday, July 27

8:00 – 8:15
Welcome & Recognition of Guest(s)

8:15 – 8:30
Traditional Prayer Ceremony

8:30 – 9:30
Introductory Address by:
• Mr. Eugene Badonie, Chairman, Kayenta Township Commission. Topic: “Local Empowerment, the Path to Navajo Economic Prosperity”
• Gary H. Nelson, Town Manager, Kayenta Township. Topic: “The Importance of the Grassroots Communities in Navajo Nation Economics “

9:30 – 10:30
Morning Keynote Speakers:
• Ms. Ann Kirkpatrick, Representative, District 3, Arizona State Legislature. Topic: “How the State and the Navajo Nation should Formulate their Relationship for the Future”
• Mr. Albert Hale, Senator, District 3, Arizona State Legislature. Topic: “Key Native American Issues at the State Level “

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:00
Morning Keynote Speakers ... Continued
• Mr. Gilbert Jimenez, Director, Arizona Department of Commerce. Topic: “Forging a New Economic Relationship between the State and the Navajo Nation”

11:00 – 11:45
Raffle Drawing

12:00 – 1:30
Lunch Keynote Speaker: Janet Napolitano, Governor, The State of Arizona. (Has Been Invited)
Topic: “State of the State Address and What the State is doing to Improve Relations with the Navajo Nation”
Entertainment by: TBA .

1:30 – 3:30
Work Session: “What are the Restrictive Legislations and How do We Amend them so they Enable the Navajo People?”Discuss & Identify Restrictive Navajo Nation, State and Federal Laws
• Establish Taskforce to Move Amending Legislations
• Alternative Methods to Local Empowerment
• Other

3:30 - 3:45
Break

3:45 – 4:00
Raffle Drawing

4:00 – 5:30
Work Session ... Continued

6:00 – 9:00
Dinner Keynote Speaker: Peterson Zah, Former President of the Navajo Nation (Has been invited):
Topic: “How the Navajo Government must Change its Role to Enhance Greater Economic Development”

Entertainment:
• Native Fashion Show
• Aztec Dancers

Thursday, July 28

8:00 – 8:15
Welcome

8:15 – 8:30
Opening Prayer by Invitation

8:30 – 9:00
Introductory Address by:
• Mr. Albert Bailey, President, Kayenta Chapter. Topic: “How the Chapter and Township are Working together to Build a Local Economy”

9:00 – 10:30
Morning Keynote Speakers:
• Dr. Gerald Knowles, Consultant. Topic: “The Chapter and Township - Why form a County–Municipal Type Relationship and Governmental Structure?”
• USDA. Topic: “Creating Rural Economies in the Navajo Nation”
• BIA, Washington DC. Topic: “What the BIA is doing to Enhance Economic Opportunity in Indian Country”

10:30 – 10:45
Break

10:45 – 11:45
Question and Answer Session

11:45 – 12:00
Raffle Drawing

12:00 – 1:30
Lunch Keynote Speaker:
AZ Department of Commerce. Topic: “How to do Business with the State of Arizona through Procurement and Competing for Industry Expansions and Relocations”

Entertainment by: TBA .

1:30 – 4:30
Work Session: “Doing Business with the State and Federal Governments”
• State and Federal Procurement Contracts
• DOD Contracts
• Other

4:30 PM
Adjourn Economic Summit

“Building a Nation from the Grassroots Up”

**Jointly Hosted by:
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3rd KAYENTA ECONOMIC SUMMIT & BUSINESS EXPO REGISTRATION FORM

Kayenta Township is proud to announce the Third Kayenta Economic Summit to be held in Kayenta (at the new Town Hall) on July 27-28, 2005. Due to the great success of the first Kayenta Economic Summit held April 8-9, 2004 and the second economic summit held Tuba City (or Toh Nanees Dizi) on July 14-15, 2004, it is time to revisit the issues and to press forward the necessary changes.

This year, the Kayenta Township will be teaming with the Arizona Department of Commerce and the USDA to bring forth new insights on how we can address economic issues facing our nation. Our objective is to forge a stronger government to government relationship with the State of Arizona; whereby we may assist one another in building stronger economies for our communities. Through the establishment of a strong relationship with the state it is our intent to participate with other Arizona communities in attracting some industry relocations and expansions to the Navajo Communities. We must become proactive in turning what are only dreams into economic reality for the Navajo People; we can change our economic situation we set our minds to it.

We welcome you back again to Kayenta to revitalize our enthusiasm for change and to set the foundation and path for greater economic development in the Navajo Nation. Your presence and participation in the upcoming event is important and will be greatly appreciated. In that regard, an agenda is forthcoming in the next several weeks and will contain the topics of discussion and also the presenters.

Please complete the following registration form, and return via fax or mail. Should you have any questions regarding this event contact Phillip Zahne, Community Involvement Coordinator, Weylon Singer, or Shaylin Shabi at (928) 697-8451.

Sincerely,
Gary H. Nelson, Town Manager



3rd Kayenta Economic Summit & Business Expo

"Building a Nation from the Grassroots Up"

July 26 – 28, 2005

Participant Registration

Please print or type the information requested below and retain a copy for your records.

Name (First/Middle/Last)

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☐ Cash

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Registration Confirmations- Confirmations are mailed within 72 hours of receipt.

Cancellation Policy- Cancellations must be submitted in writing and be postmarked or faxed by July 20, 2005 for a full refund.

Questions- contact Phillip Zahne, Weylon Singer, or Shaylin Shabi at 928.697.8451 or email kayentatownship@mail.com

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USDA VISITS THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP

On April 27, 2005, directors and representatives of the USDA paid a visit to the Kayenta Township to learn how the Kayenta Township is providing economic growth for the community of Kayenta. Kayenta Town Manager, Gary Nelson gave an informative presentation to the USDA.

"Prior to 1920, the Navajo had complete control of their land, after 1920, the Navajo had to answer to the BIA and the Navajo Nation Council, the new control power." Mr. Nelson stated to the USDA.

Mr. Nelson gave a brief history of how Kayenta became a township and the obstacles the township had to overcome to get where they are today. He also described how a sales tax was initiated to generate revenue, and how the Kayenta governing body was formed.

"Unfortunately, certain barriers keep getting in the way of growth, but we keep doing all that we can to overcome these barriers." said Mr. Nelson.

A few years later the Kayenta retail sales tax increased from 2.5% to 5% in 2005 to provide more revenue for the Kayenta Township.

Mr. Nelson also informed the USDA of Kayentas CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), which the Township approved \$2.5 Million last year in May. Some of the CIP Projects include:

Jail and Judicial Complex
New Water Tower
Woman's Shelter
Animal Control
Reseeding Project
Fire Truck

Mr. Nelson told the USDA, "The Navajo Nation matched the Kayenta Township \$750,000 in funds to help build the new Jail and Judicial Complex. Kayenta needs quality law enforcement for the people of the community."

Further into the presentation, Mr. Nelson stated, "The Kayenta Township still have no say over the land and that the Township still has to go through the Navajo Nation for

approval on land use for future businesses."

Mr. Nelson said, "One way the Kayenta Township is working to alleviate this problem is with the proposed "Kayenta Master Lease Plan."

The Master Lease gives business owners a 99 year lease instead of the current 25 year lease from the Navajo Nation. This new Master Lease gives business owners a sense of ownership. Business owners are able to transfer and sell a business site lease.

The response from the USDA to Mr. Nelson's presentation on the Kayenta Township was phenomenal. The USDA stated that the Kayenta Township qualifies for loans and grants

from the USDA to help the Township with its CIP Plan. The USDA also stated that Kayenta qualifies as a Rural Development Pilot Project for the USDA.

Many of the USDA representatives said that they would definitely come back to Kayenta and work directly with the Township. "Kayenta has an impressive plan, what Mr. Nelson laid out for us here today is fascinating," said one USDA representative. Many other representatives of the USDA said:

"Mr. Nelson and his group are doing a marvelous job here."

**"This is the most impressive plan I've seen in my travels."
- USDA Representative**



Kayenta 4th of July Rodeo

July 1st - July 4th, 2005

2003 & 2004 NNRCA Rodeo Of The Year

Four Night Performances

Friday July 1st, 2005 7:30pm
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Slack Sunday July 3rd, 2005 8:00am
Sunday July 3rd, 2005 7:30pm
Monday July 4th, 2005 7:30pm
(Short go Top 12)

I.J.R.A. RODEO

Kayenta Rodeo Grounds
July 4th 2005
8:00 A.M. Sharp

CES:

Victoria J. Pablo @ 505-786-5586 6:00 P.M.
Walk In
July 3, 2005 From 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Money must be in by July 3, 2005 6:00 p.m.

Saddles To High Point Winner to Cowboy & Cowgirl

FREE B-B-QUE

July 1st, 2005
5:30 p.m.

Kayenta Rodeo Grounds
Info: Johnny Hollister
(928) 697-2234

NNRCA / AIRCA MULTI - SANCTION RODEO

Events	Entry Fee	Added Money	Slack & Other Info.
Bareback	\$115.00	\$1000.00	Two Go Rounds (Limit 15)
Saddle Bronc	\$115.00	\$1000.00	Two Go Rounds (Limit 15)
Bullriding	\$140.00 (Day Money)	\$1000.00	60 total limit (20 in each perf)
Calf Roping	\$115.00	\$1000.00	No Limit (10 in each perf)
Steer Wrestling	\$115.00	\$1000.00	No Limit (10 in each perf)
Team Roping	\$230.00 Enter 2x	\$2000.00	No Limit (15 in each perf)
Barrel Racing	\$115.00	\$1000.00	No Limit (10 in each perf)
Break Away	\$115.00	\$1000.00	No Limit (10 in each perf)

Rodeo Stock fee included

If necessary slack on Sunday July 3, 2005 Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Break away, Calf Roping and Barrel Racing.
BULLRIDERS: Day money included (\$25.00) Two Sections of Bullriding
SADDLE BRONC & BARE BACK RIDERS - If Less Than 15 Entries 2 Full Go Rounds
If More Than 15 Entries Long & Short Go Round Format

Saddles will be awarded to event champions

Rodeo Announcer: Jay Harwood 4 Time NFR Announcer

All Around Award - 3 Horse Slant Trailer

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KAYENTA HOSTS WORLD HARMONY RUN



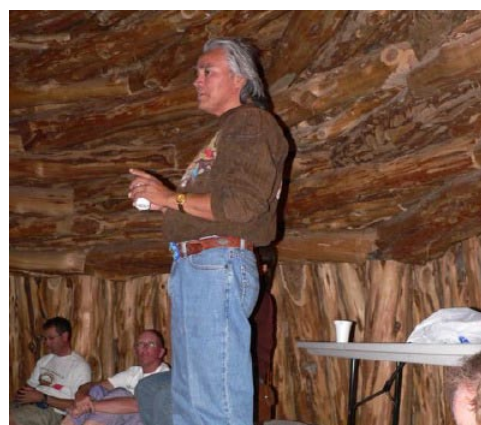
After a wonderful stay at the Desert Rose Inn, thanks to the generosity of Cindy and Amer Tumeh, we headed out of Bluff, Utah, knowing that the most incredible and unique vistas lie not too far ahead of us.

Just before entering what I would call a geographical wonder of the world, we were met by Phil Zahne, Community Involvement Coordinator of the Kayenta Township and Donna Leno from Kayenta and others from the Navajo Nation. They had arranged for us a blessing from a local 'Medicine Man', Lee Joe Gambler, down one of the banks of the San Juan River in the tiny town of Mexican Hat. It was a powerful ceremony conducted mostly in the native Navajo language. As we stood there with our new Native American friends being blessed for our safe journey, the harmony of the river and mother Earth itself seemed to bless us for the long miles ahead in the months to come.

With a multi-vehicle police and fire department escort into Monument Valley, we ran up the hills preceding the Valley with vast and colorful vistas of ancient rock formations revealing the ageless wonders of earthly time. It was a difficult run made easy by the life-giving energy of this ethereal place. With so much support from the Navajo Nation escorting us through their sacred lands, we felt the very essence of harmony and oneness as we made our way to Kayenta.

At the town limits, we were again met by escorts and runners alike, including Phil and Donna and her lovely daughter Dana. After a two mile slow jog into town, we were heartily welcomed by many of the townspeople of Kayenta and the Navajo

Nation. More prayers and blessings were offered mostly in Navajo native language, and we were transported by the wonderful comments made by people like Gary Nelson, Town Manager and Alice Yazzie, Kayenta Chapter Vice President and others.



The ceremony was both traditional and modern. We had a fire ceremony along with blessings with white Eagle feathers which was a very soulful and powerful experience. The speeches were very moving, reflecting a deep understanding by the Navajo people of the harmony and oneness that is needed in the world today. There was also a moment of silence for those who offered their services and even their lives for their country. Many Navajo were in the service for the U.S. and are being remembered and respected on Memorial Day. We were offered water and drinks and watermelon to make this day in Kayenta a very enjoyable and memorable one.

The incredible oneness and friendship did not stop there though. In the evening we were offered a big dinner of traditional fry bread with beans and vegetables. We were able to mix with the local Navajo who had worked so hard to get the welcoming ceremony for us together. We are so grateful to all of them including Andre Reville and all the great guys of the Volunteer Fire Department, Sgt. Phillip Clah and the Police Department did a superb job escorting us and taking care of all the traffic details. Dana Lee helped her mother Donna organize all the details of the event including printing out the beautiful flyers for the event. The radio station KTNV, Voice of the Navajo Nation, was there doing live interviews with many of the runners and some of the Navajo organizers. We also would like to thank Kristine from the Wells Fargo Bank who offered the parking lot for the ceremony and Geraldine with the Shelter Home for having volunteers to do so much work. So many other locals who were there that we may not have had the opportunity to meet all made this event for us very special.



After the dinner, Phillip, Donna, Dana, and Gary Nelson, the Town Manager and his lovely wife met with us in a traditional Navajo circular meeting structure built with an intricate design of logs covered with earth. They talked about the Navajo traditions and culture and taught us much about their way of life. I was particularly interested in the fact that they are against gambling and alcohol on the reservation. This seems to me to be very important in keeping the close knit extended family structure which is very important to the Navajo.



At the end of the meeting they offered us a traditional Navajo basket woven from real native grasses. The intricate design of various colors represented different aspects of our life on earth, including sky, clouds, mountains and earth. The patterns ended in a line that should always face east. Also the doorways on the Hogans should always face east to open to the new day and light of the rising sun.

It was a long and exciting day full of natural wonders and amazing local native people, all who made today's running to share harmony with the earth and its people a truly rewarding and memorable one.

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On June 30th at 5 p.m., the Kayenta Township Commission will host a public meeting to present the findings of a community planning study and to hear public comments regarding the types of future development desired by the community. The meeting will be one of the last steps in the seven-month process of developing a community plan, economic development and tourism plan, and infrastructure plan for the Township. This process is being guided by a number of residents who are participating on a steering committee.

The planning work is being undertaken by Southwest Planning & Marketing of Santa Fe. Other project team members include RME Santa Fe Engineering (a Navajo-owned firm) and Community by Design. The final plan will be adopted by the Township Commission and provide a blueprint for future development. This will expedite obtaining funding to make necessary improvements to the community (e.g. parks and teen center) and provide a positive climate for business development.

Other community members are encouraged to participate in the planning process by attending the meeting on the 30th and by completing a survey regarding development priorities. The survey is included in this issue of Kayenta Today and can also be picked up at a number of locations throughout the community. Surveys must be returned to the Township Commission no later than July 1st.



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KAYENTA COMMUNITY SURVEY



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In order to help the Kayenta Township Commission develop a community plan, please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and return it to the Commission office or drop it off in a box at the location where you picked it up. Thanks for your help!

Q1). On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is not at all important and 5 is very important, please rate the importance of having each of the following in Kayenta:

	1	2	3	4	5
Not at all Important					Very Important
Public parks	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Outdoor swimming pool	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health and fitness center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Library	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Skateboard park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Teen center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Low cost daycare for working adults	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More ownership housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More rental housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
A business center for small businesses to use	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feed store	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clothing store	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Appliance and furniture store	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pharmacy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Dentist	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Veterinarian	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Constructing a north- south bypass to reduce traffic on Highway 163	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Paving some of the small side roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving water pressure in homes	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reducing flooding after rains	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reducing blowing dust	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Civic plaza	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Preserving open space within the town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More walking trails in Kayenta	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
More walking trails outside of Kayenta	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Preserving historic buildings and ceremonial sites	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Planting trees along major roads and as a windbreak	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increasing the number of cell phone service providers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing cable-access high-speed internet service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving cooperation between the Township and the Chapter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Providing more adult education	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(continued)

Not at all Important	1	2	3	4	5	Very Important
Creating more jobs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Helping people start their own small businesses	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Better police protection	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Community beautification and cleanup	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Free trash pickup or free use of landfill and transfer stations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Animal control	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

Q2). If there were a program to involve the community in policing Kayenta, would you be interested in participating?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

Q3). Do you live in Kayenta Township? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, do you live in:

- ☐ Kayenta Chapter
☐ Another Chapter
☐ Off Reservation

Q4). Your gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Q5). Your age: _____

Q6). Do you have children under age 18 living in your household? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q7). Do you have any comments or suggestions?

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Kayenta Animal Control & Shelter: *Hope From Within.*



Photograph courtesy of www.kayentaanimalshelter.org



Above: Frank Ramsey takes a minute to spend some time with *man's best friend.*

My name is Frank Ramsey and I have lived here in Kayenta for over five years now. When my family and I moved here I, like many others who pass through, saw only how many animals there were. Through first hand experience I quickly realized how much of a nuisance they can be. In the last few years my life has had a lot of change in it and I have a new appreciation of how precious life is. As a result of such personal changes I could no longer stand aside anymore while the growing epidemic of stray animals continued to be swept under the rug. It's a situation that has placed Kayenta and other communities throughout the reservation in a predicament unresolved to this day. Our growing stray and abandoned animal population in addition to the countless roaming pets has placed great strains

on the safety of the respected residents along with the animals themselves.

At first I only wanted to start a shelter. Quickly I realized how futile this effort would be without formal local animal control. Thanks to the administration of the Kayenta Township, a program commenced in August of 2004, and has grown into what will be the Kayenta Animal Control & Shelter (KACS). It will be the first type of municipal organization of animal control once a few pending "red tape" issues are ironed through. Trying to make a start of such an entity or any business on the Navajo Nation for that matter isn't an easy task. The last ten months have been a good start in the right direction in terms of establishing a solid track record in supporting our efforts.

With the assistance of reservation and non-reservation agencies KACS has move over 350 animals toward funding suitable homes in locations beyond the Navajo Nation borders. As indicated in last months issue spay, neuter, and vaccination clinics have successfully operated. With the communities support KACS vows to put an end to animals being carelessly dumped and create a pet population in Kayenta that is healthy and safe for our families. KACS will be able to provide such services once a permanent building is implemented so that screening and adoption services can take place on a more consistent basis.

This task is a community effort as we each play important roles in educating ourselves about the proper methods in caring for animals. The KACS places great emphasis on this useful tool as our goal is to render such educational material for the enhancement of Kayenta's residents. We need this

education in our community, a topic that wasn't so prevalent within the lives of our elders. To own a "pet" differs from that of having sheep dogs or livestock. The tables have turned a bit and we now live in a society where it is not an uncommon occurrence where our children entertain the idea of having a pet in the house. Having a close pet also requires the need to discipline them in instances where they may be experiencing difficulties.

There is much that can be learned from our elders about how precious life is and the balance that must be maintained within nature. There will always be those who do not care or may not understand why someone would care about another stray animal. It is this mentality that we must turn around, so when it comes to your pet that may need to be restrained please be cooperative, such instances will occur for the benefit of the owner, pet and community.

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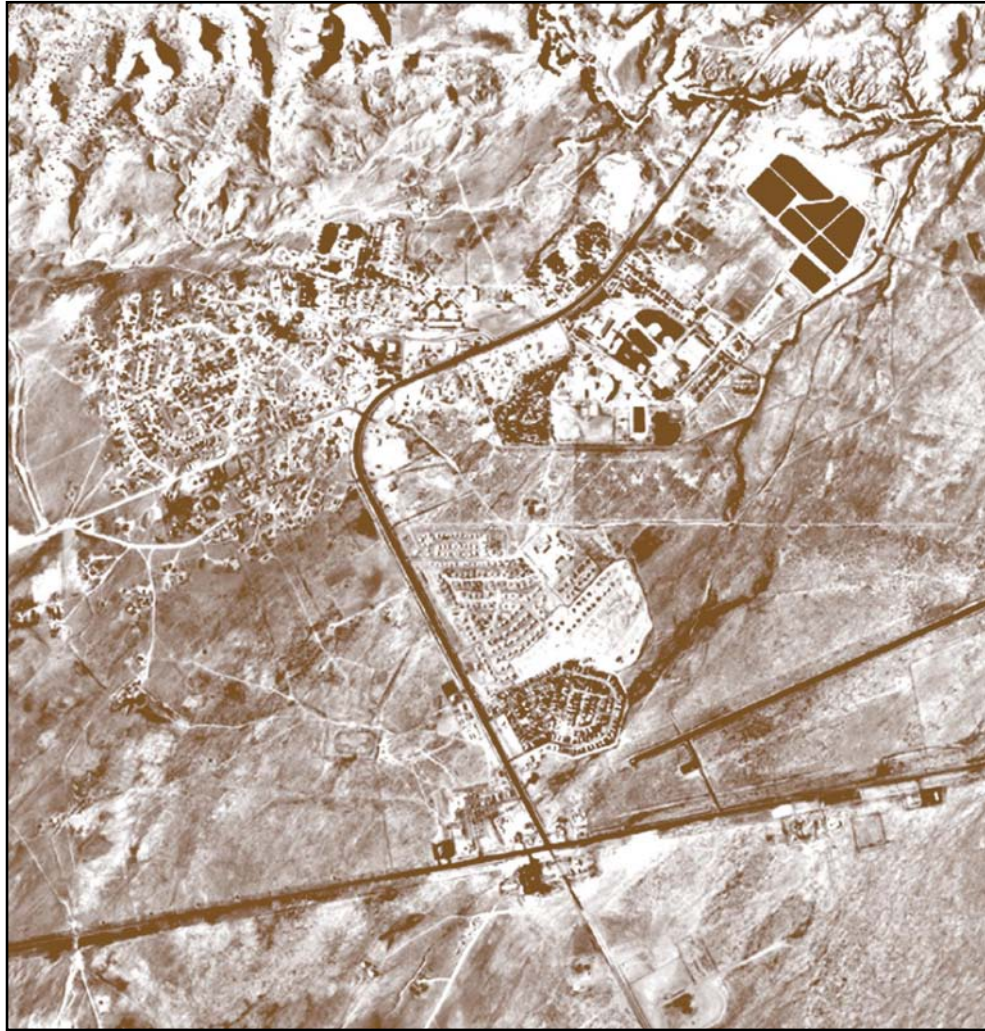
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KAYENTA'S MARKET STUDY

By Dana Leno



Above: An aerial view from the top offers greater insight regarding Kayenta's developed regions.

Kayenta is the gateway to scenic Monument Valley and is home to a proud community. The Kayenta Market Study is a design by Southwest Planning and Marketing out of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The plan assesses the needs of the community as well as attracting tourist to promote a positive growth in population while creating a unique atmosphere of a traditional neighborhood.

The study enhances the idea of Kayenta being a destination spot by creating a resort, a visitor's plaza with artisan studios and a 'main street'. The goal is to stimulate a community attachment in the unique architecture of future constructions to the Kayenta area. The plan suggests redevelopment to current residential areas, especially the housing area known as "The Hill", and also would like to keep the residential area away from future expansion of

facilities close to the new hospital. Other proposed improvements are to introduce a new water tank, sewer line, drainage improvements, and the development of roads.

Results of the Kayenta community survey that was distributed last month were analyzed by Southwest Planning & Marketing. A library, the creation of more jobs, better police protection, community beautification and clean-up, animal control, and the reduction of blowing dust were listed as the most important. A total of 177 people completed the survey living within and outside the Township, other chapters, and a few off the Navajo Nation.

The Kayenta Township is envisioning an area of culture, economy, success, and pride; with Southwest Planning and RME Santa Fe Engineering being the team members that are going to help pave the way.

The White Pony of K-Town

By Dana Leno

In the midst of waste, rubbish, and junk, a shining white image of a conqueror to battle such garbage has arrived to Kayenta. The new Super Duty Front Loader trash truck is a recent purchase made by the Kayenta Township and Transfer Station to pick up local trash bins.

Local businesses requested that the transfer station acquire a vehicle unit to transfer the large bins of trash instead of an outside business. The trash truck was a purchase/no purchase decision, which meant the decision would go either way. As the transfer station became a business, the clientel ratio dropped and there was marginal or no profit being made.

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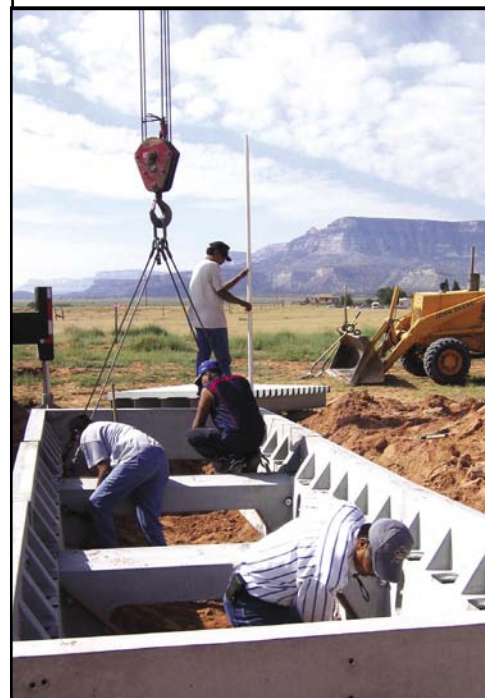
KAYENTA'S RANGELAND RESEEDING PROJECT:

by Dana Leno

What are the things that make Kayenta beautiful? Is it the Navajo Culture, the formation of rocks known as "The Toes?"

While maintaining the feelings of a small town, the residents of Kayenta who live here value their community's progress year-round. Despite its beauty and progress Kayenta has been faced with a natural exfoliate that drives the community in an uproar, the predictable "dust storm" season. There is not one person who has not been afflicted with this problem of homes nearly buried under sand dunes, low-visibility when driving, dangerous crosswinds at the airport, and the occasional mini sand dune in one's ear. But that isn't the talk around town anymore. Have you heard of the Reseeding Project, a multi-agency community effort developed to tackle the task of minimizing the blowing sand?

Below: The Township Operations Department utilize careful teamwork as they prepare a concrete foundation for a new cattleguard.



The Kayenta Reseeding Project is an initiative that took years to implement and after much deliberation it has finally been accomplished. In partnership with the Kayenta Chapter, ADOT, Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI), and a core planning team, the Kayenta Township Commission played a vital role in bringing key players to the table in discussing a community concern, "to do something about the severe blowing sand. One of the reasons for reseeding the designated areas around Kayenta was to reclaim and reinvigorate a beautiful area of the community.

The total reseeding area is 1,624 acres located at the South and West ends of Kayenta along Highway 160/ Highway 163. This area will be fenced along the perimeter to control livestock from roaming freely. Some areas that are being used for the Reseeding Project were outside the Kayenta Township jurisdiction, and Consent to access these lands required approval by the Kayenta Chapter and land owners (grazing permit holders).

The Kayenta Township Commission and Kayenta Chapter would like to publicly thank the individuals and their families who allowed the Reseeding Project Team access to their land, allowing the introduction of native and non-native plant species to be rooted. There are 19 land owners that gave permission to the Reseeding Project Team. The objective of the project is to reduce the potential of severe dust storms and sand erosion, to support preventive measures to maintain a controlled area where the grazing of livestock will not be permitted for three (3) years.

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Above: Faithful John Deere farming equipment graced the earth's presence throughout preparation phases of the project.

Right: Calvert Schenally holds the line as fellow Operations Department member applies final adjustments to a barbwire fence.





“Instead of waiting around for free hand-outs, the Township is stepping in to get the job done for the well-being of Kayenta’s residents.”

~Bill Cly, Township Project Manager

Reseeding Project continued.

Keeping the area free of livestock will ensure excellent growth and increase longevity of plants. All of those involved including land use owners and community members respect the development of this project, and the fencing will have no negative impact to their property. Once the project is deemed successful the land use owners will resume responsibility.

The Kayenta vegetation platform supports a variety of vegetation such as, juniper, broom snakeweed, rabbitbrush, four-winged saltbrush, narrowleaf yucca, Russian thistle, desert trumpet, filaree, and other sparse grasses and forbs.

During the planting process a rubber-tire, rangeland drill ## will be the muscles ## which will disperse seeds in 100 ft. intervals and 1 inch below the surface.

The following selected plant species will be seeded: Alkali sacaton, crested wheatgrass, Indian rice grass, wild rye, and four-winged saltbrush.

During mid-June, many of you noticed large green tractors preparing the soil and planting the seeds in late June. Perhaps, many of you may have wondered why the planting was behind schedule, but this is how the plan was conceived by technical experts from NAPI. The main source of water and moisture to support the

seedlings begins at the start of the summer monsoon season which usually occurs in July and August. Soon after the rains come an application of mulch will be layered to retain moisture.

Funds for the project come from U.S. Geological Survey, bonds to finance the Kayenta Capital Improvement Plan, and the Kayenta sales tax, reaching an approximate total of 2.6 million dollars to fund the Kayenta Re-seeding project. Another key aspect of the project is community education on how to maintain the grounds and to employ additional gardening and farming techniques. Livestock restrictions will be monitored and enforced by Kayenta Chapter Grazing Officer, BIA, and the Natural Conservation District.

For the Science Lovers:

What in the world is an Arizona Monsoon?

The Arizona monsoon is the term when referring to the extreme weather changes in the southwestern part of the United States, notably referring to the Arizona area. ##Arizona has a number of sources of moisture; the winter and spring front from the North Pacific Ocean carries moisture at high atmospheric levels, precipitation is orographic (increases with elevation), and the frequency, moisture, and strength content are affected by

atmospheric circulation patterns of tropical and North Pacific Oceans. The mix of moist air comes from the Gulf of Mexico, Gulf of California, and eastern Pacific Ocean. This creates a rise in the moisture level across the desert and elevations less than 7,000 ft. above sea level have high intensity rainfall and elevations over 7,000 ft. above sea level have a low intensity of rainfall.

Are Kayenta winds like those at the Sahara Desert?

Arizona shows the same wind patterns that arise in the deserts of the Sahara. In the Kayenta area, if looked from afar it appears to be a sand dome during a dust storm which can reach speeds between 30-50 mph and heights of 3000 ft. This type of storm is called a Haboob, coming from an Arabic word meaning “wind” or “phenomena”, and are generated by thunderclouds while in their final phase. Another wind pattern that it is similar with are Downdrafts, in which air descends to the ground picking up sand to create

a circulation of dust. There are two different types of downdrafts, a ‘dry’ downdraft is during the ‘dry’ season of the monsoon and a wet downdraft is during the moist portion of the monsoon. Similar wind patterns are also observed in the Mid-East, although they seem more prominent due to an enormous land mass of sand.



Above: “Take a breather!” The green giant take a break after long hours plowing through the fields.

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VISITOR'S CENTER REVIVED!

Fries, anyone? The immediate retreat for most of Kayenta's community will head for either McDonald's or Burger King. Interestingly enough, nestled in between the two mega-giant burger industries is an architecturally stimulating building. What was initially designed to be occupied by vendors in addition to serving as a Visitor's Center, the building's potential has had little success in attracting consistent business. Various vendors have come and gone with the question continuing to linger among Kayenta's residents as to what will ever become of the large structure.

With a little sweat and hard work, Ron Watch has taken it upon himself to revamp the premise in order to serve Kayenta and the traveling tourists with a Visitor's Center. Such plans have already been implemented

with the hopes of utilizing the space available to offer the community with opportunities to thrive.

"I basically see this Visitors' Center as an opportunity to contribute to Kayenta's economy and a nice touch for the many foreign travelers passing through," stated Watch.

These intentions can be seen as the main office facilitates the passer-by with countless material on Kayenta and its surrounding locations to visit. Vendors are especially welcomed to offer their hand-made products to anyone interested in taking a piece of beauty home.

"There are international tourists that come through Kayenta on a daily basis. They've often traveled for many miles to experience the Navajo Nation's natural beauty," concluded Watch.



Above: The doors continually remain open during this summer's heavy tourist season. Many improvements to the Visitors' Center are attracting inquisitive travelers each week.

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Trash Truck continued.

The trash collected from the transfer station is then shipped to a certified land fill at Monticello, Utah. The cost of taking the trash to the fill was usually paid for by the collection that was gathered during routine service pick-ups in Kayenta. This is the reason why the transfer station suffered little or no profit.

The current charge for trash pick up is based on a rate schedule and ideas of deciding to put bins up in areas is to reduce littering.

Since the transfer station is now able to service businesses and large bins, an increase in profit and development is very probable. It will also allow enhanced options such as recycling, rate charges, and an organized community to materialize.

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Kayenta Township and AZ Department of Commerce

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Tuesday Evening, July 26

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Wednesday, July 27

8:00 – 8:15

- Welcome & Recognition of Guest(s)

8:15 – 8:30

- Traditional Prayer Ceremony

8:30 – 9:30

- Introductory Address by: Mr. Eugene Badonie, Chairman, Kayenta Township Commission. Topic: “Local Empowerment, the Path to Navajo Economic Prosperity”

- Gary H. Nelson, Town Manager, Kayenta Township. Topic: “The Importance of the Grassroots Communities in Navajo Nation Economics “

9:30 – 10:30

- Morning Keynote Speakers:
- Ms. Ann Kirkpatrick, Representative, District 2, Arizona State Legislature. (Confirmed) Topic: “The Navajo Nation and the State of Arizona Partnering for the Future”

* 10:30 - 10:45 RAFFLE

- Dr. Gerald Knowles, Consultant. (Confirmed) Topic: “The Chapter and Township - Why form a County–Municipal Type Relationship and Governmental Structure?”

10:30 – 10:45

- Break

10:45 – 11:45

- Morning Keynote Speakers ... Continued

- Amy Besaw, Executive Director, Honoring Nations

- Harvard University (Confirmed) Topic: “Excellence in Tribal Governance”

- Matt Lore, Director of Communications & Education, League of AZ Cities and Towns (Confirmed), Topic: “Developing an Association of Navajo Communities to promote Economic Development.”

11:45 – 12:00

- Raffle Drawing

12:00 - 12:45

- Gilbert Jimenez, Director, AZ Department of Commerce. (Confirmed)Topic: “Forging a New Economic Relationship between the State and the Navajo Nation.

12:45 - 1:30

- * Entertainment by: Radmilla Cody, Dine Recording Artist.

1:30 – 2:45

- Panel Presentations: “Doing Business with the State”

- Ken Clark, Director – Energy Office, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed)– Topic: Alternative Energy (Solar, Wind, Alternative Resources)

- Gregory J. Wiener, Business Development Manager Business Development and Attraction, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed) – Topic: “Key Elements of Business Attraction”

- Lydia Aranda,, Director – Small Business Services, AZ Dept. of Commerce (confirmed)–Topic:_____ TBA_____.

- Ralph Gonzales, DBE Supportive Services Program Manager, ADOT (confirmed) Topic: TBA

2:45 – 3:00

- Break & RAFFLE

3:00 – 5:00

- Work Session: Questions and Answers with the Panel

6:00 – 9:00

- Dinner Keynote Speaker: Peterson Zah, Former President of the Navajo Nation (Confirmed): Topic: “What should be the Role of the Navajo Nation Government in Facilitating Greater Economic Development?”

* Entertainment:

- Fashion Show - Native Model Studio-Larry Price
- Fashion Show - Navjajo Spirit SW Wear-Virginia
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8:00 – 8:15

- Welcome

8:15 – 8:30

- Opening Prayer by Invitation

8:30 – 9:30

- Introductory Address by:
- Mr. Albert Bailey, President, Kayenta Chapter. Topic: “How the Chapter and Township are Working together to Build a Local Economy”
- Mr. Albert Hale, Senator, District 2, Arizona State -
- Legislature. (Confirmed) Topic: “Key Native American Issues at the State Level “

9:30 – 10:30

Morning Keynote Speakers:

- Eddie Browning, State Director USDA – Rural Development. (Confirmed) Topic: “Creating Rural Economies in the Navajo Nation”
- John Bowers, Executive Director, (Confirmed) Arizona Association for Economic Development. Topic: “Facilitating Economic Development in Indian Country”

10:30 – 10:45

- Break

10:45 – 11:45

- Question and Answer Session

11:45 – 12:00

- Raffle Drawing

12:00 – 1:30

- Lunch Keynote Speaker: Richard Mike, Topic: “The Challenges of Doing Business on Indian Lands.”
- Nina Heflin, Topic: “Creating the Right Environment for Navajo Economic Development.”

1:30 – 4:30

- Panel Presentations: “Legislative and Governmental Reform – the Door to Greater Economic Opportunity.

- Jack Jackson Jr., Executive Director , Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, Topic: “Dual Taxation vs. Revenue Sharing”

- Louis Denetsosie, Attorney General, The Navajo Nation, Topic: “Making the Local Governance Act work for the Navajo People”

- Rex Knowlin, Assistant AG, State of Arizona, Topic: “State Legislative Reforms that will Enhance Tribal Economic Development”

- Work Session: “Amending State and Tribal Legislative Barriers”

- Discuss & Identify Restrictive Navajo Nation and State laws

- Establish Taskforces to Initiate and Move Amending Legislations

4:30 PM

- Closing Traditional Prayer - Adjourn Economic Summit

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UPDATE: Kayenta's Public Safety Building

by
 Dana Leno

The surrounding communities of Chilchinbeto, Dennehotso, Inscription House, Kayenta, Oljato, Mexican Water, Mexican Heat, Black Mesa, Navajo Mountain, and Shonto are served by the Kayenta District Police Department. Approximately 19,500 people depend on the quick and reliable service out of the KPD. But as much as we would like to reduce crime, to see improvements in a responsive fashion, and law enforcement services centrally located, a much needed, more secured brand new building is required.

Currently there are plans to replace the current double-wide trailer, and the Kayenta

District Prosecutor's Office that recently burned down. Included in the plans are: detention center, and administration. Sloan & Associates are the architectural consultants for the project and are reviewing information for the new facility. The new public safety building will be constructed west of the current facility.

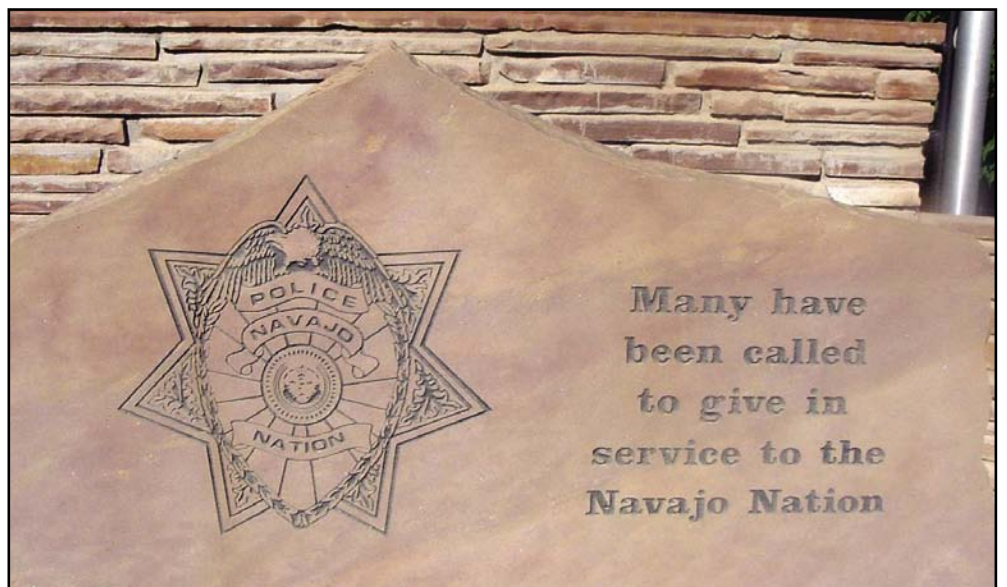
To ensure that the Kayenta Public Safety meets federal regulations, the jail will be designed to accommodate specific inmate ratio requirements of female to male and juvenile to adults. Adequate square footage will be considered to adhere to safety standards, and open areas will be restricted. The proposal to

construct a new facility includes the current operation budget with the current staff. Understandably, additional funds will be required to adequately staff the new facility.

The Navajo Nation Council appropriated \$750,000; and the Kayenta Township will match with \$750,000 to bring a total of \$1.5 million available to planning, design, architectural

planning. The Township anticipates breaking ground within a few months. A progressive town, a progressive people, Kayenta strives for a safer and healthier community.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please call or join us at the next planning meetings. Contact: **928-697-8451 or fax at: 928-697-8461**



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anticipated event. The evening's line-up included a Fun Walk, Fun Run, and a special Wellness on Wheels venture. Bikes were also welcome to the event.

"This is a great opportunity in promoting physical activity, it's a great program that gets people excited throughout the various Chapters," said Leno.



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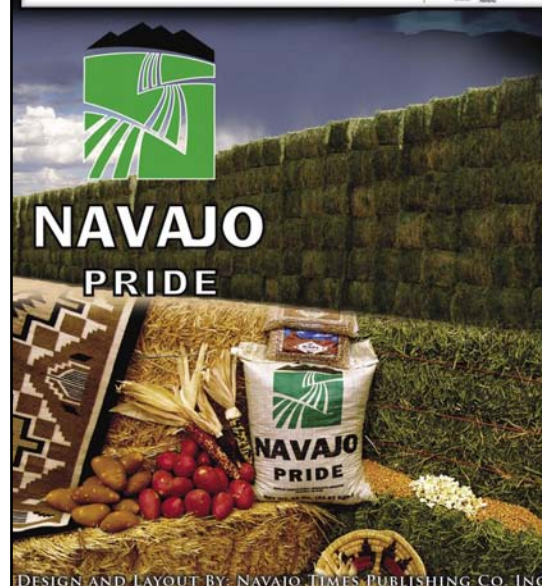
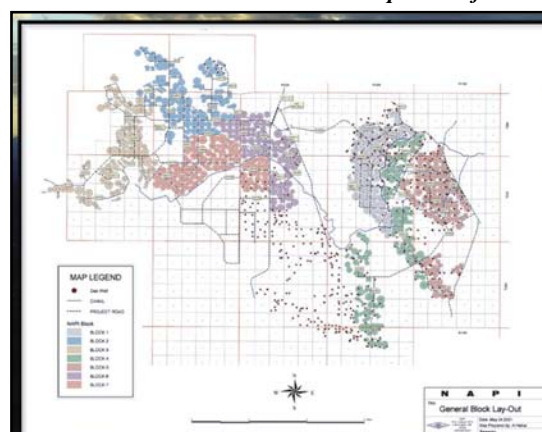
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Top Left: Commissioner Badonie (standing on left) takes part in this year's outdoor activities alongside IHS Health Promotions Coordinator, Donna Leno.

Above: Local resident, Kelly Yazzie, takes time to register himself and his child prior to taking the trek throughout Kayenta.

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SUBMIT TO:

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Attention: Ernie Little
Phone #: (928) 645-2384 Email: ernielittle@citlink.net

COST:

A fee of \$25.00 is assessed for a Credit Report required to qualify for a Home purchase. Please make the Check or Money Order payable to: **Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc.**

The Navajo Partnership for Housing Inc., is available for any questions and concerns you may have in regards to their services on home ownership and financing programs.

The Township is soliciting for as many potential homebuyers as possible to apply for 20 units/houses that will be developed in the NW area of the Township. The former Wolf Creek 20 units has recently been awarded to the Kayenta Township by the Navajo Housing Authority through their NAHASDA Program.

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PROPOSED KAYENTA LAND USE PLAN

The Land Use Plan consists of three sections that include (1) a Conceptual Future Land Use Plan; (2) a Visual Preference Survey of development types; and (3) a description of the character and development guidelines for specific Future Land Uses areas.

A Five Year Capital Improvement Program is proposed that connects the Future Land Uses envisioned with the Infrastructure requirements to serve this future development.

CONCEPTUAL FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Based on the Land Use Inventory completed in Phase 1 report, and subsequent meetings with the Township staff, Steering Committee and community residents, a conceptual future Land Use Plan is proposed that identifies future development in the Township. There is also an area along Highway 163 that is in the Kayenta Chapter that is recommended as a future growth area and has land use recommendations. The future land use classifications proposed utilize the classifications identified on the Land Use Inventory and include additional land use classifications and Special Character areas. The Future Land Use Plan predominately focuses on the areas that were identified as Undeveloped Land on the Land Use Inventory. The Land Use Classifications identified on the Future Land Use Plan include:

- **Residential**
 - a. Low Density (1-3 DU/ac)
 - b. Medium Density (3-7 DU/ace)
 - c. High Density (7-15 DU/ac)
 - d. Live/Work (5-8 DU/ac)
- **Commercial**
 - a. Retail
 - b. Farmers Market
 - c. Artisan Studios
- **Industrial**
 - a. Business Park
 - b. Light Industrial
- **Civic/Governmental**
 - a. Civic Center
 - b. Plaza
 - c. Cultural/Visitor Center

- **Health-Related**
 - a. Hospital
 - b. Medical Related
- **Open Space/Recreation**
 - a. Park
 - b. Open Space Greenbelt/Water courses
 - c. Trails
 - d. Community-supported Agriculture
 - e. Recreation Vehicle (RV) Park
- **Office**
 - a. Office
 - b. Incubator/Business Center
- **Special Character Areas**
 - a. "Old Town Kayenta"
 - b. "Main Street"
 - Resort
 - Gateways
 - Historic/Ceremonial Sites

There are also three Special Use areas indicated on the Land Use Plan representing a Residential Rehabilitation/Redevelopment area in the northwest, a Traditional Residential area and a Constructed Wetlands area proposed as part of the sewer lagoons upgrade/expansion.

In addition, 5.5 miles of new collector roadways are proposed to serve the future growth areas.

The following table represents the acreages for all land uses proposed on the Conceptual Land Use Plan (listed alphabetically by land use). There are a total of 1,883 acres of new open space and mixed use development proposed in Kayenta Township based on the build-out scenario of the land use plan. These acreages are in addition to the existing developed identified in the Land Use inventory.



Conceptual Plan Land Use	Acreage
Artisan Studios	5.7
Business Park	155.1
Civic	6.9
Civic Center	43.6
Commercial	77.5
Community College Redevelopment	22.1
Community Supported Agriculture	51.6
Constructed Wetlands WWF	96.7
Cultural Center	2.6
Farmers Market	5.2
Health-Related	86.2
High Density Residential	2.8
Hospital	60.7
Housing Rehabilitation/Redevelopment	165.5
Incubator/Business Center	8.4
Light Industrial	71.4
Live/Work Residential	21.5
Low Density Residential	430.3
Main Street	22.8
Medium Density Residential	156.2
Office	15.3
Old Town	16.3
Open Space	161.6
Park	51.1
Plaza	1.9
Resort	84.8
RV Park	6.6
School	3.7
Traditional Neighborhood	45.6
Visitor Center	3.1
TOTAL PROPOSED LAND USE ACREAGE	1882.7

VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER

A Visual Preference Survey was conducted with residents of Kayenta at a community meeting on June 30, 2005. The purpose of the survey was to provide a means of determining the residents' preferences for development character of various land uses such as residential, office, commercial, civic and streetscapes. Since traditionally the Navajo culture has not established their living settlements in urban settings such as Kayenta Township, little precedent or examples were available to serve as models for how these towns should look and feel. The survey was one methodology to assist in defining the character appropriate to the Navajo culture.

The methodology involved a slide presentation of 20 photo examples of existing development from both other communities and within Kayenta. The photographs represented examples of residential, civic, office, commercial and streetscapes. The participants were asked to rank each photograph on a scale of 1 (least preferred) to 5 (highest preferred) of the types of development they'd prefer to see in the Kayenta Township. The responses were tabulated and ranged from a high of 4.3 for the most preferred to a low of 1.63 for the least preferred development type. An interesting conclusion of the survey was that the photos of existing developments in Kayenta ranked in the lowest range of preferred developments, representing that the residents were not very satisfied with these development types in their community.

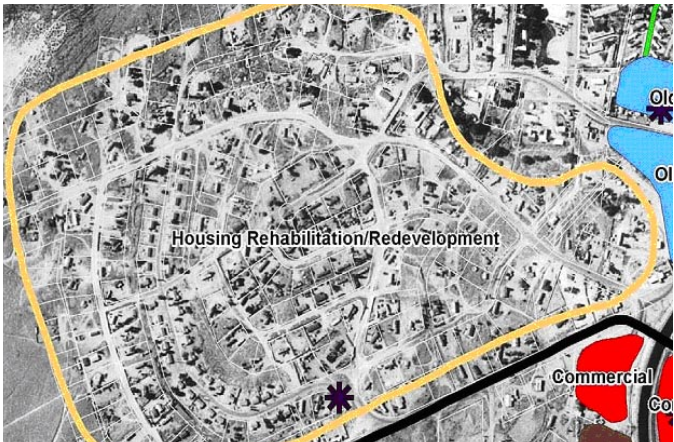
Here are some general conclusions from the survey:

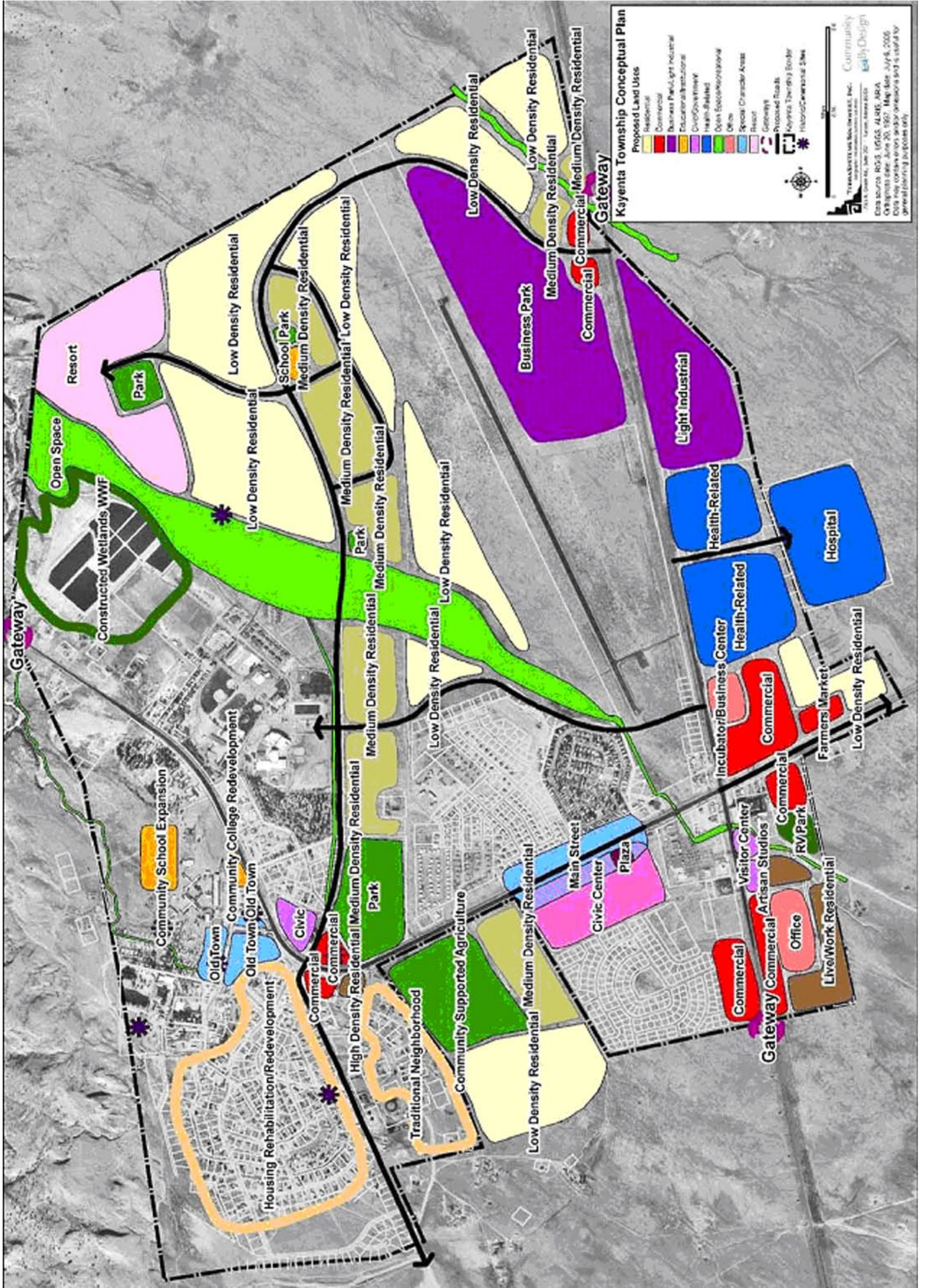
- There is a high preference for development and streets with trees and landscaping.
- The results indicate a preference for southwestern architecture with stucco surfaces over stone or wood.
- There is a strong preference for pedestrian features (walkways and paths) in residential and commercial developments.
- Smaller scale single story buildings seemed to be preferred over multi-story buildings.
- The participants preferred developments with diversity in setbacks and architecture rather than uniformity in the housing and building types.
- There is not a preference for new buildings with a "hogan-type" design.

DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER AND GUIDELINES

The following descriptions focus on specific areas within the Future Land Use Plan. Specific land uses and facilities are recommended in these areas as well a guidelines on the character of these future land uses

Residential Rehabilitation Area
This area is an existing residential area that is in need of rehabilitation. Since this area has existing infrastructure it would be cost-effective to redevelop this area prior to expanding new development into areas where infrastructure needs to be expanded. This area is blighted and may have health and safety issues related to inadequate wastewater disposal and dirt streets creating air quality issues, sub-standard design and signage and inaccessibility by emergency service vehicles.





Proposed Residential Land Uses	Acreage	Avg DU/ac	Total DU
High Density Residential	2.8	12	34
Live/Work Residential	21.5	6	130
Low Density Residential	430.3	2	860
Medium Density Residential	156.2	5	780
TOTAL PROPOSED DWELLING UNITS (DU)	610.8		1804

Of the total 1,883 acres of proposed open space and mixed use development, 611 acres is proposed for residential development, for a total of 1,804 new dwelling units.

Kayenta Growth Area

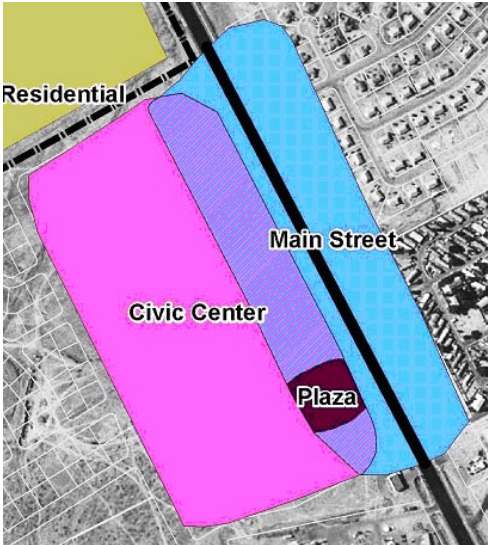
This area represents an enclave of land under the management of the Chapter that has frontage along Highway 163 and is abutting the Township boundary on three sides. This area represents an excellent opportunity for the Chapter and Township to collaborate on development, either through an annexation agreement or a development agreement that outlines land uses, infrastructure and shared revenue opportunities for each jurisdiction.



Land uses proposed in this area include Community Supported Agriculture, managed as a cooperative or non-profit organization, which serves as an economic development tool, preserves the agricultural traditions of the Navajo culture, and provides an open space area along the highway corridor. Medium and low density residential uses are also proposed that take advantage of existing infrastructure and can assist in alleviating the housing shortage in the Chapter and Township.

Civic Center and “Main Street” Character Area

This is the town center of Kayenta and is proposed to include many civic and public facilities such as the Town Hall, Public Safety facility, Adult Day Care/Senior Center, Post Office, Library, Veterans War Memorial and an outdoor performance area. A Cultural Plaza is proposed as the activity center that would be framed by buildings on three sides and have activities such as festivals, events and outdoor performances.

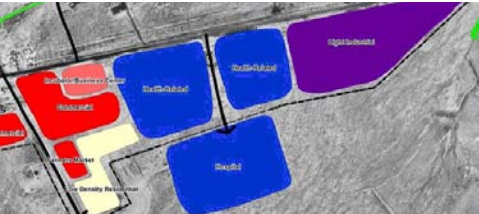


The “Main Street” special character area along Highway 163 is to provide a walkable pedestrian-friendly retail and service area that complements the Civic Center area. This area is intended to have a landscaped street with median and on-street parking. Uses would include restaurants, movie theater, specialty retail, clothing stores, and art galleries. The buildings are to be close to the street with wide sidewalks and on-site parking should be on the side or rear of the buildings.

Southeast Quadrant

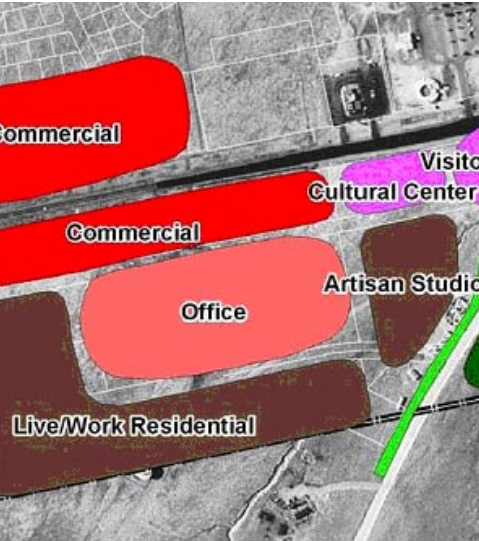
The southeast corner of the two highways is a health-related focus with some commercial, employment and residential uses. The Kayenta Hospital is approved to be located here and is waiting on funding approval. The hospital will be an anchor to additional health-related facilities such as medical offices, dentist, wellness centers, pharmacy, and other health services.

An Incubator/Business center is also proposed in this area that could support entrepreneurial start-up business. There would also be supporting facilities such as a copy center and office supply businesses located here. A residential area is proposed that could be housing for the hospital and



Southwest Quadrant

The southwest intersection of Highways 160 and 163 is proposed as a mixed use center with a strong tourist-orientation with uses such as a Visitor/Cultural Center, Artisan studios and a Recreational Vehicle (RV). There’s also an office, live/work and retail commercial component to provide a walkable area. It is also proposed that a landscaped pedestrian path would be constructed along the drainage channel and that a pedestrian crossing, either with pedestrian-activated signal or a PELICN-type crossing occur where the drainage channel crosses Highway 160. This will allow a safer and stronger connection to the shopping center and civic area.



Northeast Quadrant

This large area in the northeast quadrant of the Township is predominately vacant, with the exception of the airstrip and a closed landfill. A resort, if developed in Kayenta, is most appropriately located in the northeast corner of the Township since it has amenities such as high visual quality, access along Laguna Wash, and is at the end of the road, providing more seclusion for this use. A 9 hole executive golf course could be developed in association with the resort provided there is sufficient reclaimed water for irrigation. A passive recreation park is proposed on top of the closed landfill. Mitigation measures would have to be incorporated in the park for methane ventilation such as sealing the top of the landfill and careful turf irrigation practices. A Business Park is proposed in this area that would serve as an employment center for light manufacturing, research and development and airport related facilities. There are



certain land use restrictions around the expanded airport facility that are described in the 2005 Kayenta Airport Master Plan prepared by Armstrong Consultants. An open space greenbelt is proposed that would provide drainage and recreational uses such as trails and multi-use fields This area is seen as the future residential growth area for the Township and is proposed to have mixed density/income neighborhoods with both market-rate and affordable housing products. Housing types include single family detached, single family attached and apartment dwelling units (DU). There was a high preference for homes with a diversity of styles and were pedestrian-oriented.

Old Town Character Area/Education Expansion

The “Old Town” character area represents Kayenta’s past and should be respected and celebrated. This area offers opportunities for historic preservation and rehabilitation of existing structures and ceremonial sites that can serve the residents and provide interpretive opportunities for tourism. Among the historical structures that are significant to Kayenta’s past are the stone BIA office, the ceremonial sweat lodges and the Kayenta Trading Post. There is a pathway proposed from the Old Town to Laguna Creek and along the Creek to the highway. There are educational facilities proposed in this area that include expansion of the Community School on the BIA land, and a Community College Campus located on the existing Health Clinic site. The Health Clinic is to be relocated to the new Hospital when it is constructed, and this will provide an economic means of using this existing setting to be an adaptive reuse of these existing buildings rehabilitated and redeveloped into a college campus facility.

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: TOWN MANAGER
CLOSING DATE: Position is open until filled.
REPORTING RELATIONS: Reports directly to the Kayenta Township Commission.
SALARY: Negotiable

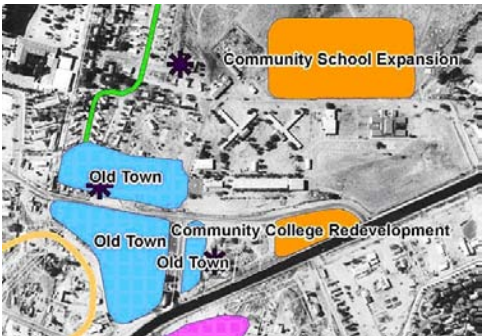
GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide professional leadership, management, administration, supervision and planning for the Township. The Town Manager is expected to exercise a high degree of independence, initiative, and professional expertise in the overall administration of the Township, including the implementation and enforcement of all Township policies, ordinances, and land use and capital improvement plans established by the Commission.

- SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**
1. Inform and advise the Commission on the affairs, activities and functions of the Township and provide recommendations and alternative solutions for Commission consideration.
 2. Coordinate Commission and staff effort toward community partnerships (working with groups, boards, councils and public and private agencies and entities) and intergovernmental relationships to pursue policies, services, and goals in the interests of the Township.
 3. Develop policies, strategies and plans to facilitate and implement economic development with emphasis on the private economy to attract business and industry.
 4. Direct and assist in the preparation, maintenance, and revision of comprehensive plans, policies, services and goals for the Township.
 5. Maintain an efficient and effective human resource function through, among others overall supervisory control of the Township staff
 6. Represent the Township in all dealings with other governments, private businesses, and the general public on all Township matters:
 7. Oversee the preparation of the annual operating budget and its administration.
 8. Prepare and monitor capital improvement plans and budgets.
 9. Investigate and resolve citizen and business concerns, issues and complaints concerning Township matters.
 10. Assist the Chairperson of the Commission in the preparation of the agenda for Commission meetings.
 11. Perform other work as required.

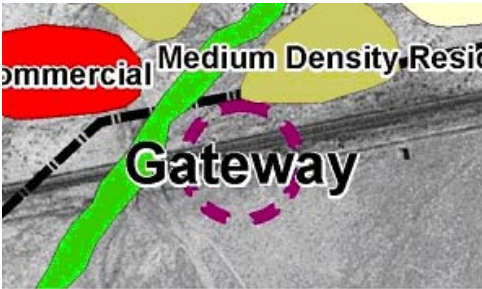
- MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS**
1. Must live or relocate within the Township boundary;
 2. Graduate from an accredited college or university with a degree in planning and management, economics, political science, business administration, education or a related field;
 3. Five years actual responsible experience in municipal or other governmental planning and management;
 4. Valid Drivers License;
 5. Has not been convicted of any offense (criminal or civil) within the last ten (10) years that involved any of the following:
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 - B. Aggravated assault, aggravated battery or sexual misconduct; or
 - C. Use or possession of illegal drugs.

- PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**
1. Extensive knowledge of the principles, practices, methods and procedures of municipal planning and management and public administration, including the economic, geographic, and demographic factors involved in community development
 2. Thorough knowledge of and experience with the general laws and regulations related to community development, including working knowledge of Township, Navajo Nation and federal laws and regulations related to zoning, procurement, personnel, taxation, leasing, bonds and contracting.
 3. Ability to direct, supervise and maintain effective working relationship with staff, professionals and technicians of all levels.
 4. Ability to effectively mediate and resolve operational and personnel problems.
 5. Working knowledge of budget procedures and practices.
 6. Ability to develop, negotiate and coordinate Township policies and activities with other governments, public and private agencies and entities, and the general public.
 7. Working knowledge of research methodology and statistics with ability to analyze and systematically compile and report technical and statistical information.
 8. Ability to research, write and effectively present comprehensive written and oral reports.
 9. Ability to make difficult and independent decisions.

Please provide a completed application, resume, four employment references, two personal references, and evidence of certifications, diplomas, etc. Applications and a more detailed job description can be obtained by calling (928) 697-8451. The Kayenta Township reserves the right to reject any and all applications and to re-advertise if necessary.



Gateways
Three Gateway features are proposed at the three entrances to the Township along Highways 160 and 163. Each Gateway has a unique character that should reflect its surroundings. For example, the Gateway at the



north along Highway 163 should be located at the Laguna Creek bridge and provide parking for residents and visitors to stop and appreciate this unique and cultural landscape. There is also a pathway proposed to the Old Town area along the Creek. The Gateways should be of natural material and could represent the cardinal directions of the Navajo culture. It is recommended that a public art competition be conducted to allow local artists an opportunity to design culturally-significant gateway features for entries into Kayenta to provide a unique sense of arrival.



KAYENTA TOWNSHIP SEEKS NEW TOWN MANAGER

On August 8th, 2005 the Kayenta Township held its monthly town meeting. Among the agenda items was a resolution to reaffirm the July 17th resolution to end Kayenta Township Manager, Gary Nelson's contract with the Kayenta Township. The Commission voted: 2 – 0 – Quorum at the August 8th meeting. The vote reaffirmed the resolution which was passed in a special meeting on July 17th by the Kayenta Township Commission.

Currently, Brenda Saggboy is Acting Town Manager until the position of

the Kayenta Town Manager is filled. The Kayenta Township would like to express that since the dismissal of Kayenta Town Manager Gary Nelson, the Township will continue with its day to day routine and planned projects. The Kayenta Township is currently seeking applications for the Kayenta Town Manager position from interested individuals.

For more information, please contact the Kayenta Township (928) 697-8451.



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KAYENTA VISITOR CENTER TO HOST "ETHNICOLLOGY"

This Saturday, the Kayenta Visitor Center will come to life with a bang! Every year about this time, Kayenta resident Billy Crawley II puts on one of the most anticipated shows on the Navajo Nation, the "Ethnicology - Back to School Music Festival".

The show will feature well over fifteen metal bands from all over the Four Corners Area, Flagstaff, and Phoenix, some of the bands featured are, Breed Apart, Tibus, Third Degree, Styr, and many more. Recently added to the show is an all-girl metal band from Farmington, New Mexico called Undying Hate.

The Kayenta Today caught up with Billy Crawley II and asked him a few questions about the show.

Q: Why did you start "Ethnicology"?

Billy: I wanted to do something for the kids of the community before they had to go back to school, you know, something fun. So I decided to get some bands together to play an all day music festival and called it "Ethnicology". That was four years ago, and the show has gotten bigger and bigger every year. Ethnicology is also a way for different bands to get acquainted and do some networking with each other. But most of all it's all about music and fun for everyone.

Q: Who is sponsoring the show?

Billy: We have a number of sponsors this year that will be at the show showing their support and promoting their products. This year we have RedNations.com, Red Ladee Clothing, Native Outlaw Fightware Clothing, and Dine' Underground. We also have Sheephead Films that will be projecting video on a massive screen behind the main stage, which will add some awesome imagery to the show.

Q: Why the new venue?

Billy: We used to have the show at the Todenshahi Theatre, but we were unable to use it this year. I came across the Kayenta Visitor Center, I heard it re-opened and decided to

see if we could use it for the show. I met Ron Watch who manages the visitor center and asked him if he was interested in hosting the event. Ron was quite excited about it, he said, "This is the kind of event that can get the Kayenta Visitor Center some well deserved exposure." I'm real happy about having the show at the visitor center, I believe the surrounding businesses will benefit from the event as well by drawing customers from the show.



Q: Where do you see "Ethnicology" in the future?

Billy: In the future I would love to take "Ethnicology" on the road, make it a touring show around the Four Corners area, that way, everyone can see their favorite bands play and have some well deserved fun.

Headlining the "Ethnicology" show is Kayenta's own Ethnic De Generation, Although Ethnic De Generation has had a few members of the band come and go, the music remains the same, with the same drive, passion, and up in your face style Ethnic De Generation fans have come to expect from them. EDG has established themselves as one of the most respected and influential Native metal bands to emerge from the heart of the Navajo Nation. They are also known as one of the most hard working Native metal bands, spending much of



their time on the road building their fan base from Kansas to California and all the other states in between.

With all their hard work, EDG has had the privilege to share the stage with other well known metal bands such as, Soulfly, Super Joint Ritual, Devil Driver, Flotsam and Jetsam, and Lamb of God. EDG has been around nearly seven years and continues to attract more fans show after show.

Q: Rumors about EDG, word has it there is a new drummer and possible album?

Billy: Yes, we have a new drummer. He will be doing his first live show with us Saturday night. We're real

excited about playing our first live show with him. We don't want to reveal his name right now, we all want it to be a surprise for everyone at Saturday nights show. With our new band member on board as well as new music in the process, our main focus right now is to do more live shows to expand our fan base and prepare for studio recording for our long awaited "Album".

Tickets for the "Ethnicology - Back to School Music Festival" are \$10 and are available at the door of the Kayenta Visitor Center. The show begins at 12 noon Saturday, August 27 and is an alcohol and drug-free event. For more information, contact Billy Crawley II at edg247@hotmail.com .

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THE LATE NAVAJO TRIBAL CHAIRMAN RAYMOND NAKAI, 86, REMEMBERED AS FIRST MODERN NAVAJO LEADER

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. The late Navajo Tribal Chairman Raymond Nakai, 86, who died Sunday of pneumonia, is being remembered here today as the first modern Navajo leader, a champion of Navajo civil and religious rights, and the man who ushered in the first economic development initiative to the huge, remote Navajo Nation.

Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., expressed his condolences to the family of Chairman Nakai on behalf of the Navajo people.

“I want to express my appreciation to the family for sharing the Honorable Chairman with the people at the time he was Chairman of the Navajo Nation Council”, President Shirley said. “The contribution Mr. Nakai has made has served to have the Navajo Nation rise to a different level of being and awareness. With his leadership, our evolving Nation has continued to grow. I know he has left the world we live in but his influences will long be remembered.”

David Clark, president of Azeé Bee Nahagha of the Diné Nation and the first president of the Native American Church of Navajoland, called chairman Nakai one of the backbones to Navajo economic development.

“He advocated for the civil rights of the Navajo. He wanted to have a constitution established. That was his platform during the time he was campaigning.”

Mr. Clark said he first got to know Chairman Nakai as a boy when Mr. Nakai returned from Navy service in the South Pacific and worked at the Navajo Army Depot in Bellemont, Ariz.

“My parents and many others, the elders, worked there”, Mr. Clark

said. “He was employed there with the Department of Defense. He was a prominent leader at the time.”

Chairman Nakai was born in Lukachukai, Ariz., on Oct. 12, 1918. He served two terms as chairman of the Navajo Tribe, as it was known then, from 1964 until 1971. He went on to be a councilman on the Navajo Tribal Council from Lukachukai after leaving office as chairman.

“He had great skills in communication both in English and in Navajo because he worked for radio station KCLS in Flagstaff.”, said Peter Iverson, Arizona State University history professor and author of *The Navajo Nation*. He had an appreciation for media. He served at a time of great transition and a time when important issues were being confronted.

Among those issues were education, Native American religious freedom and civil rights. In 1968, Chairman Nakai played a vital role in the establishment of Navajo Community College today Diné College the first tribally-controlled college in the U.S.

In 1967, Chairman Nakai met with Bureau of Indian Affairs officials to explain his goals to create the college. The officials expressed disbelief that the Navajo people planned to operate their own college. Chairman Nakai is remembered for having said, “We’re not asking for your permission. We’re just telling you what we’re going to do.”

Chairman Nakai also presided over the Centennial of the Navajo Treaty of 1868, which freed 8,000 Navajos from captivity at Fort Sumner, N.M., known as the Navajo holocaust, and established a Navajo reservation.

One year later, in 1969, the Navajo Tribal Council passed a resolution to refer to the Navajo Tribe as the



Navajo Nation. “This was to remind Navajos and non-Navajos alike that, as a people, Navajos were distinct.”, Professor Iverson said.

“Nakai said that it was asserting that we are both a part of the United States and we are apart from the United States”, Professor Iverson said. “In the long run, Chairman Nakai is somebody, I think, who will be seen as a more significant leader. He was an important person, and important to recognize and remember.”

Chairman Nakai is also known for firing the first general counsel for the Navajo Tribe, Norman Littell, who had tremendous influence in the working of the Navajo Tribal Council in the 1960s.

“Littell did not go gently into the night”, Professor Iverson said. “They had a tremendous confrontation about that. And, in the end, Nakai’s stance held.”

Chairman Nakai is also remembered for having asserted the right of Navajo people to use the sacrament peyote, known in the Navajo language as azeé, or medicine. In the 1960s, members of the Native American Church were being persecuted for their religious use of azeé.

On Oct. 11, 1967, the use of peyote in religious ceremonies by Native American Church members was approved by the Navajo Tribal Council

by a margin of three votes.

Chairman Nakai is survived by his wife Ella M. Nakai, their children musician Raymond Carlos Nakai of Tucson, Ursula Nakai of Albuquerque, Michael Nakai of Window Rock, Richard Nakai of Lukachukai, and Laurinda of Flagstaff. In addition, he leaves three sisters, Mae Bekis, Lillian N. Uentillie, and Eva N. Lee, all of Lukachukai, 10 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Chairman Nakai was preceded in death by his parents John and Biltsh-nedesbah, his sisters Mary C. Tso and Nellie Nakai, and his brothers Frank and Paul Nakai.



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Why We Need To Make Kayenta Wheelchair Friendly

By Byron Micheau Gray

Statistics in the US

About 54 million Americans -- approximately 1 in 5 -- report that they have some kind of disability and 26 million of them -- 1 in 10 -- say they have a severe disability. More than half the Americans with a severe disability were between ages 22 and 64. 20 percent of men and 18 percent of women ages 16 to 64 have disabilities. 43 percent of women and 40 percent of men 65 or older have disabilities. 46% of people with disabilities report having more than one disability.

- *22 percent of AI/AN reported one or more disabilities.
- *This compares with a national rate of 17 percent. This was also higher than any other minority group.
- *27 percent of Navajos 21-64 years old on the reservation report having one or more disabilities.
- *69 percent of Navajo over 64 have one or more disability

Some Elderly are Disabled

- *The elderly on the Navajo Nation makes up 5.4% of the population.
- *Of that number 69.2% of them are disabled, compared to 43% of the general US population. That's a pretty high number!
- *These disabilities range from kidney failure, poor eyesight, blindness, deafness, to lack of mobility, and congestive heart failure.
- *All of these disabilities come from the number one disability that is affecting the elderly of the Navajo and other Native American tribes.

Challenges on the Navajo Nation

- *Poverty, poor education, and lack of resources create specific challenges on the Reservation
- *On the Navajo Reservation, only 53.1 percent of adults over 16 years of age are employed
- *In our area, nearly 50 percent of households live without full utilities and 80 percent lack phone service.
- *Only 62 percent of all Navajos have a high school degree or equivalency as compared to 80 percent of the general population.

What is the ADA?

- *ADA stands for Americans with Disabilities Act.
- *It is federal legislation to prevent discrimination on the basis of disabilities
- *Title I of the ADA requires employers with 15 or more employees to provide equal employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- *Title II of the ADA requires states to provide the least restrictive living environment.
- *Title III of the ADA prevents discrimination in public places.



How Does The ADA Affect the Navajo Nation?

- *Tribal Sovereignty limits the reach of the ADA.
- *Tribes are not required to provide equal employment opportunities
- *The ADA does expect private companies on the reservations to comply with Title I.
- *The Tribe isn't entirely exempt from Title II, but cases are still pending in the Supreme Court to determine whether tribal governments must comply.
- *While the tribes are specifically required to comply with Title III of the ADA, it is difficult to take the tribe to court to prosecute lapses.

Local Businesses

- *There are a variety of local businesses in Kayenta.
- *These local businesses are both private and are part of a chain of companies.
- *This makes it hard for the government to make these businesses to comply with the ADA.

Molly Heavilin and I rode a wheelchair around Kayenta to determine the accessibility of local business and tribal offices. Here are some photos and brief descriptions about each establishment.

Kayenta Health Center

- *The Kayenta Health Center was generally accessible.
- *The wide hallways and the automatic doors made getting around easy.
- *The steep slope in the sidewalk and curb ramps were the toughest challenge.
- *The administration was the least accessible because of the heavy, non-automatic entrance doors.

Kayenta Bashas

- *Bashas was very easy to get into, but the biggest thing was the restroom it was narrow, the door was heavy.
- *It was hard to reach items on the top shelves.
- *The shopping center needs an area for the van to drop off the people in wheelchairs
- *Handicap spaces were blocked by shopping carts

Post Office

- *The post office parking lot was easy to navigate, but the entrance door was hard to open.
- *The hallways and the pods were really easy to get around in.

Kayenta Trading Post

- *The doors were really stiff.
- *The restroom was pretty good.
- *The aisles were pretty good but occasionally were cluttered with other merchandise and made it very difficult to get to some places.

Kayenta Chapter House

- *The doors at the chapter house were open due to the heat (it helped a lot).
- *Getting to the entrance had involved having to roll on an area with very dense dirt.
- *There was a high step right at the entrance.
- *The other areas inside had ramps. The only easy way to get in was to enter from the back.

Burger King

- *The double doors at Burger King made entry pretty difficult
- *one of the employees actually helped me get inside.
- *The Restrooms were too narrow for the wheelchair
- *There was a low payphone accessible to wheelchairs

Pizza Edge

- *Double doors make it hard to get inside.
- *The entrances to the hallways are pretty narrow.
- *The restrooms were really great and anybody could use it.



Chevron

- *The entrance doors were heavy
- *The aisles were too narrow and difficult for the wheelchair to pass through

Department Of Economic Security

- *This office was the most accessible throughout Kayenta.
- *There was a place for the van to drop off people and it had a ramp that wasn't too steep.
- *There was also a button for the door that made it open automatically.



Amigos Café

- *Was least accessible place because I couldn't even get through the front door.



I have learned a lot of things and have gained a lot of experience working on this project. There were more people with SCI and other disabilities in the Kayenta area than I had expected. Being in a wheelchair and going around town to all the local businesses and tribal offices, made me realize the challenges that people with disabilities face with mobility, and social acceptance.

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ANIMAL CONTROL ON THE NAVAJO NATION



RUNWAY CONDITIONS AT THE KAYENTA AIRPORT DETERIORATE



KAYENTA'S SKATE PARK SOON TO BECOME A REALITY



KAYENTA'S PROPOSED NEW JAIL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT



Everyone has an Opinion

By Frank Ramsey

**The following opinion does not reflect the views of the Kayenta Township.*

Part of what makes this country of ours so great is that we are all allowed to express our opinions to try and change things we feel are unjust. Along those lines in August of 2004 I went into the Kayenta Township office to propose a shelter for dogs and cats. Since that time it has evolved into an animal control and humane shelter for animals. Often times, opinions from myself, other people and humane groups get swept under a carpet when trying to work with the powers that be. Is it that they are so set in their ways that they can not fathom change as something good or is it that they are afraid that change will show that their programs are not working? I don't think so.

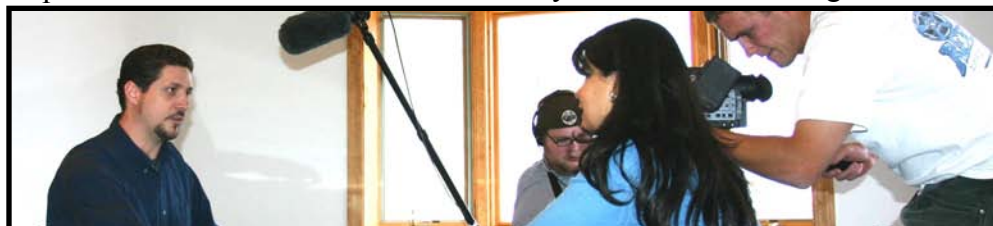
All across this great nation of ours everyone has rights, and by that I am referring to the red, white and blue of which I served in the military in. The Navajo Nation is not above these rights. In a January meeting KACS and SNAP brought out to a group of funders that we would like to do a catch and release program here on the reservation on which my Navajo family and myself live. I realize to those who do not know what a program like this is might sound crazy. In a nut shell here is what TNR is: you catch an animal that is already running loose, fix it and immunize it to keep it from making more animals. There are alot more points to it, like those animals will not spread disease to owned animals or spread disease to people.

It is true we wished to do this program in Kayenta and with a small group of dogs to see if it could lower the amount of strays that we are currently having, but it was never implemented.

There are several reasons for that the first is that it met with considerable opposition in Window Rock. They have stated that it violates direct laws of the nation. This, it does not but it may violate their policies and procedures and that could cause problems so the program went on the back burner and only remains as a irritant to the headways being made. A topic of which to point fingers at and use as an argument point to Kayenta starting its own animal control and shelter. We are following the protocol for getting a law changed to do the programs of animal control on a local level, but TNR will be a case for later. It would be a topic of which would go in front of the Council of delegates and explained hopefully in full by both sides and decided upon in a diplomatic fashion. KACS has saved 375 animals this year, twice the number in which previous roundups were to cover and almost all the animals were strays, not the owned population.

Which brings up the other topic of dispute, KACS in no way damaged relations with funders for spay and neuter services on the reservation? For years these outside groups, of which have donated millions of dollars, only asked for a few things in return. Requested were that Navajo Nation provide numbers and effected changes in population of the animals and another request was not to do a sweep close after spay and neuter services were done in a community. These animals were being picked up still fresh with stitches from surgery and the funder's money was going directly down the toilet.

I ask that in the future before forming an opinion on the efforts of either Navajo Nation or KACS and Township, please contact both agencies and hear both sides of the story. You can view for yourself the progress that KACS has had in the community of Kayenta by looking up kayentaanimalshelter.org.



Ramsey in an interview with film maker Diane Huntinghorse. Huntinghorse is producing a film about animal control problems on the Navajo Nation.

Farewell To S.N.A.P.

Animal control on the Navajo Nation has been a problem for many years. The Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program has been doing all they possibly can with what funding they are provided with from the Navajo Nation. Other non-profit organizations such as S.N.A.P. have tried to help by providing free spay and neuter clinics to pet owners living on the Navajo Nation.

With all these combined efforts, animal control still poses a major problem on the Navajo Nation and has caused many of these organizations to become frustrated with the impending problem of animal control. Much of this frustration has lead to needless finger pointing at whose to blame.

The bottom line is that animal control on the Navajo Nation needs to be dealt with. The Kayenta Township will continue its efforts in starting an animal control program in Kayenta. The Township feels that providing such a service to the community will help tremendously with the over population of animals, making it a safer place to live for people as well as animals.



The Kayenta Township will work side by side with the Navajo Nation as to abide by all Navajo Nation animal control laws and also have their own animal control ordinances comply with Navajo Nation animal control laws.

Animal control is a problem we all have to deal with in any community on the Navajo Nation. If the problem is not dealt with swiftly and properly, it will only get worse. Educating people of the benefits of spaying and neutering pets is the responsibility of animal control officials, and getting pets spayed or neutered is every pet owner's responsibility.

Many non-profit organizations have stepped in to help and many have left. S.N.A.P. was in Kayenta from September 19th to 23rd and spayed and neutered over 100 animals in that time period. This was the last time for S.N.A.P. to offer its services on the Navajo Nation due to funding cuts. During their time on the Navajo Nation they spayed and neutered well over 1200 animals through out the Navajo Nation. Free services from these non-profit organizations such as S.N.A.P. will be dearly missed by pet owners living on the Navajo Nation.

KAYENTA'S AIRPORT IN DIRE NEED OF ATTENTION

Even with newly painted stripes and airstrip numbers, the Kayenta airport is in dire need of repair. Kayenta Township maintenance workers have been working diligently on the day to day maintenance of the airstrip.

Within the past few months, the Kayenta Township has repaired the beacon lights, runway lighting, and the constant removal of vegetation from the runway. One of the most troublesome problems of concern, are portions of the runway that have collapsed nearly 10 inches into the ground. These collapsed sections of the runway have caused major dips in the runway which make it very unsafe and difficult for aircraft to land and take-off.



Bill Cly points out one of the many dangerous dips in the runway.



Bill Cly and Phil Zahne of the Kayenta Township inspect runway conditions at the Kayenta Airport.

The current airport was built in 1987 and has provided Kayenta with much needed Medivac Services, Air Tour Operation, and Business/Recreational Transportation. Since then, the airport has served the community well, but has suffered major deterioration due to extensive use and past neglect.



Cracks such as these pictured, litter the existing Kayenta runway.

For over a year, the Kayenta Township has been working with airport planners Armstrong and Associates from Grand Junction, Colorado. Together, they have submitted final plans to the FFA for approval. Once approved by the FFA, construction of the new airport is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006 and is estimated to cost 4.5 million dollars.

The Kayenta Township has contacted Armstrong and Associates and the FFA about the current runway conditions to try and remedy the current problems and make it safe. Any repairs on the airstrip would be temporary until construction begins on the new airport.

The new airport will provide a new state of the art runway engineered and constructed to handle larger aircraft and loads, better and more reliable lighting for aircraft, as well as taxiways for aircraft. A land use plan for the new airport area is also being planned for future businesses and amenities much needed by tourist and community members alike.

With the current and future growth of economic development in Kayenta, the addition of a new state of the art airport will provide a much needed beneficial addition to the community of Kayenta.



Armstrong and Associates present the Kayenta Airport Master Plan to the Kayenta Township Commission. - January 24, 2005



Eagle Air Med provides the community of Kayenta with much needed Medivac services.



Bill Cly and Kayenta Township Maintenance survey an area of the runway for repair.

TOUR de REZ CELEBRATES 15 YEARS



When you think of biking in July, you probably think of the Tour. The one in France, right? The man in yellow? Hosteen litso. You know the rest of the story. But on the Navajo Nation each summer, there is another tour. Bikes, yes. Weeks on tour, yes. Even some guys in yellow. But the Tour de Rez is a different kind of journey. Bringing together riders from Kayenta, Shonto, Chilchinbeto, Gallup, Dennehotso and Chilchinbeto, this year's Tour de Rez paralleled the French version that you're probably quite familiar with.

Each summer since 1991 there have been a group of hearty Navajo Nation cyclists who have completed a journey around the Navajo Nation. The Tour de Rez is a physical challenge, as well as test of the riders' mental toughness. It also gives them a view from the saddle - a unique perspective on the land and history that is Din4 Bik4yah. The ride is one of the many outdoor adventure and enrichment programs offered by Youth Empowerment Services (Y.E.S.), a small nonprofit that has been providing such services for over a decade.



The 15th edition of the Tour this summer began at Canyon de Chelly, heading up onto and across the Defiance Plateau before descending into Window Rock. The group's arrival in the capital coincided with the arrival of the council members arriving by horse and activists dropping in to speak up on the renewal of the N-aquifer water for use by Peabody Coal. The afternoon served as a practical example of democracy in action. In case you're curious, the council voted to approve the use.

From there, the riders headed north

toward the Chuskas. The range that is the spine of the rez was to offer the riders a respite from the heat of the lowlands. Through Asayi Lake, Narbana Pass, Roof Butte and north through the Lukachuakis and Mexican Cry Mesa, the riders were back in "civilization" at Immanuel Mission five days after leaving Window Rock! The Chuskas, decked on in brilliant green from this year's above-average moisture, offered challenging riding, dramatic country and some of the finest campsites on the rez.

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KAYENTA RECREATIONAL PARK



In the past few months, the Kayenta Township has been receiving a number of inquiries from the community about the proposed recreational park. Also, many youth of the community have stated that they would like to have a skate park incorporated with the recreational park.

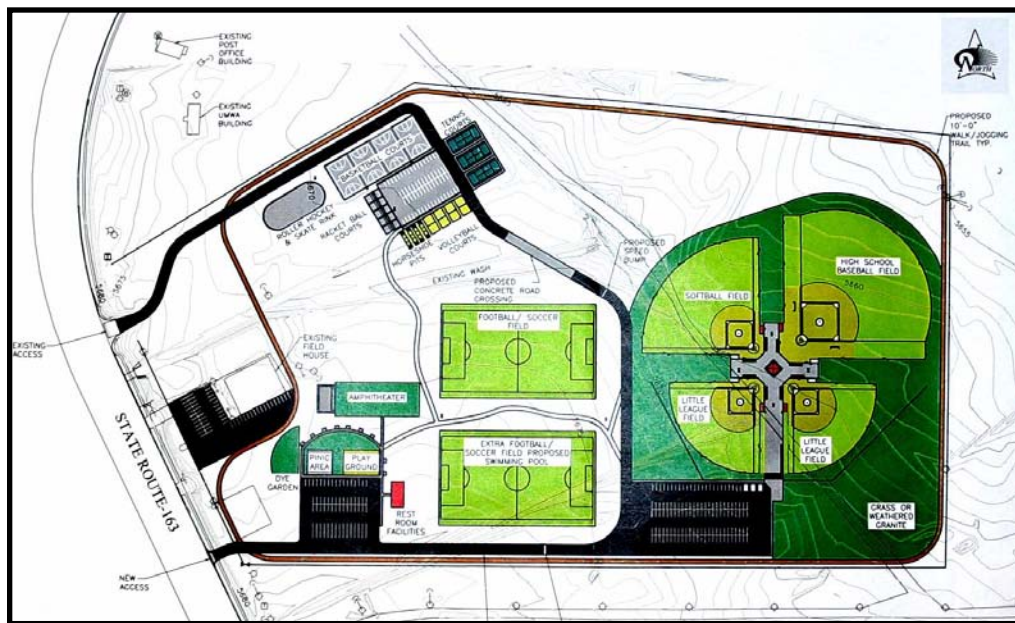
Originally, Rising Sun Engineering developed a master plan for a recreation park back in 2001, but the plan was never implemented and a skate park was not part of the plan.

The master plan included a site survey, needs assessment, drainage plan, conceptual lay-out plan, utility plan and a preliminary design and cost estimates. The biggest problem for the

proposed park is that it lies directly in the path of a major contributing watercourse to Laguna Creek.

The master plan recommended relocating the existing dike and creating a channel to carry the water through the park site with minimal impact to the park.

The Kayenta Township will be updating the original park plans from 2001 and will include a skate park as part of the project. The park site will need to be cleared of vegetation, and a drainage channel constructed before construction of the park will begin. The construction of the park will be done in phases, with the skate park being constructed first.



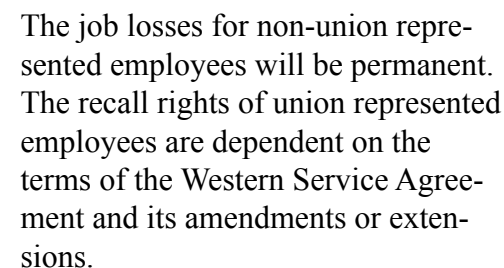
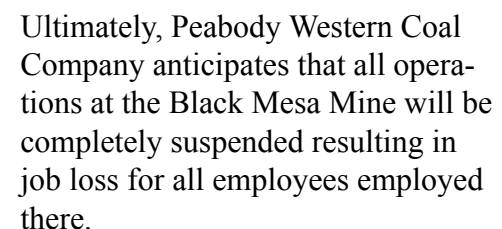
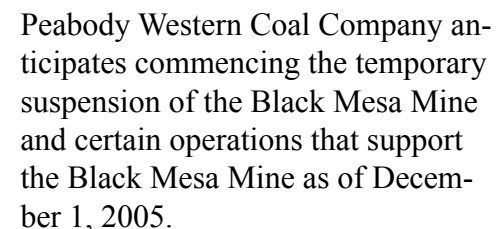
The Kayenta Township is in the process of working on developing a Community Recreation Park, where we would like to invite community members that are interested in this development to come by and visit with us and share ideas. We really need to get the whole community involved on this. We need to have ideas from all agencies here and around our community. Businesses, Religious Affiliates, Educational Leaders, etc. We'll have upcoming announcements on this, so watch for it.



BLACK MESA MINE TO CLOSE DECEMBER 2005

In a recent letter received by the Kayenta Township from Peabody Western Coal Company, the operations of Peabody Western Coal Company's Black Mesa Mine will be significantly impacted by the anticipated suspension of the Mojave Generating Station as of December 31, 2005.

Peabody Western Coal Company and the stakeholders in the Mojave Generating Station have attempted to resolve issues related to the operation of the Mojave Generating Station through short-term or long-term solutions in order to avoid the closure of the Black Mesa Mine and certain operations that support the Black Mesa Mine.



KAYENTA PLANNING FOR NEW DETENTION CENTER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Kayenta Township and Kayenta police department have been meeting regularly with D. Sloan Architects on the design and planning of the Kayenta detention center. The design will also include the addition of a future courthouse, police department, and motor pool.

The proposed location of the detention center will be located just north and behind of the existing Kayenta police department on highway 163. This area has been zoned out by the Kayenta Township as the Civic Center area for Kayenta. Near the proposed site is the Teeh Hin Deeh housing community, the Tohde-nasshai Shelter Home, the Kayenta Township, Post Office, Kayenta Fire Department, as well as the proposed Kayenta Head Start building.

The detention center will be approximately 9,650 to 10,917 square feet

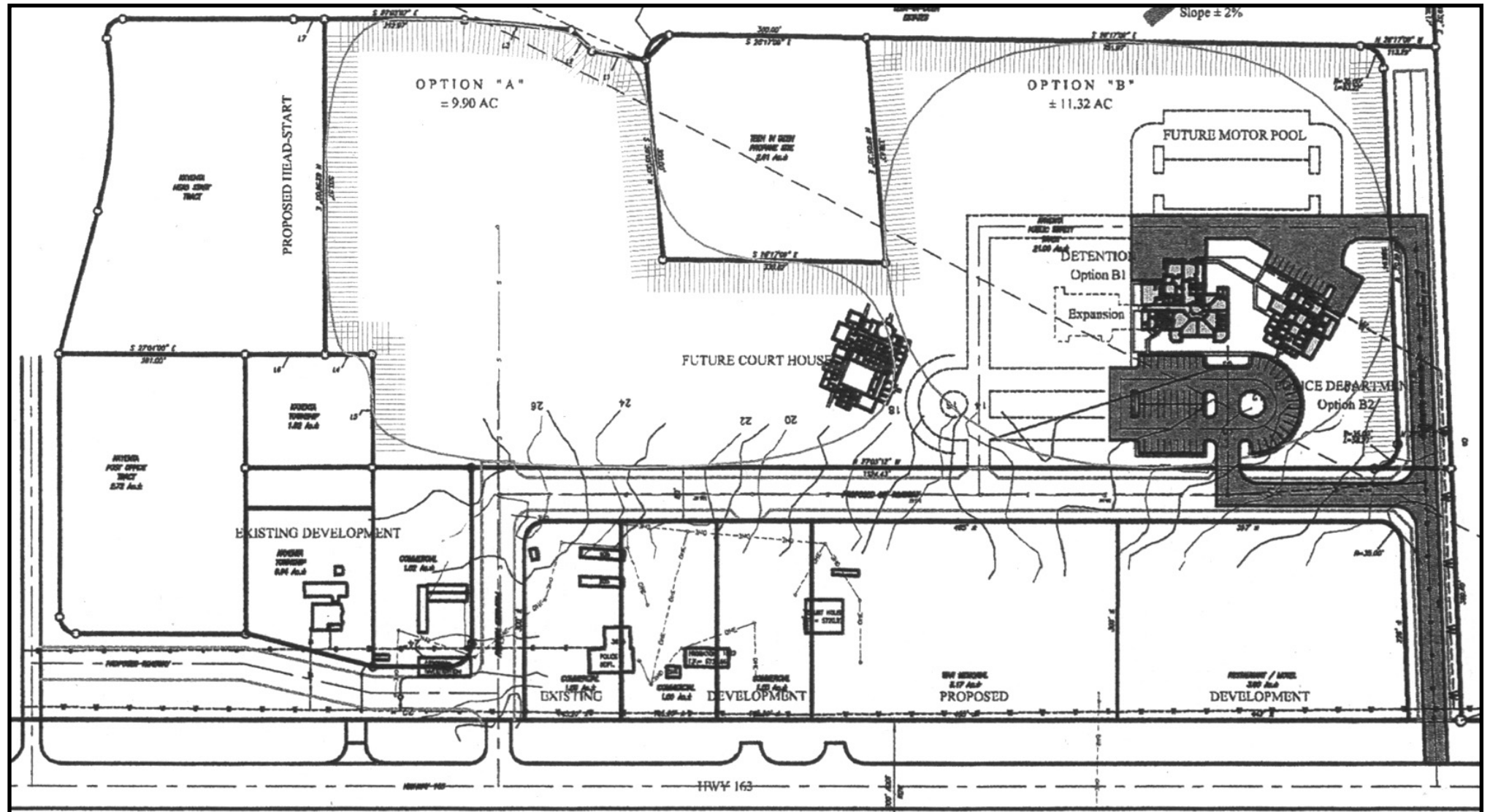
and 20 feet tall, and is designed to house 24 men, 8 women, and 8 juveniles in separate quarters. The building will also have a library, kitchen, visitation area, offices, multi-purpose room, and outdoor recreational areas for detainees.

The proposed police department building will be approximately 7,155 square feet and will house offices for the D.A.R.E. program, sergeants, captain, lieutenant, technology, dispatch, and secretaries. The building will also include rooms for, training, computers, evidence, fire arms, and property. It was also proposed to incorporate the criminal investigation unit into the building plan.

In a recent meeting with D. Sloan Architects, the Kayenta police department expressed their concerns for future expansion of the detention center due to the Navajo Nations



Kayenta's current Police Department will be replaced by a 7,155 square foot building.



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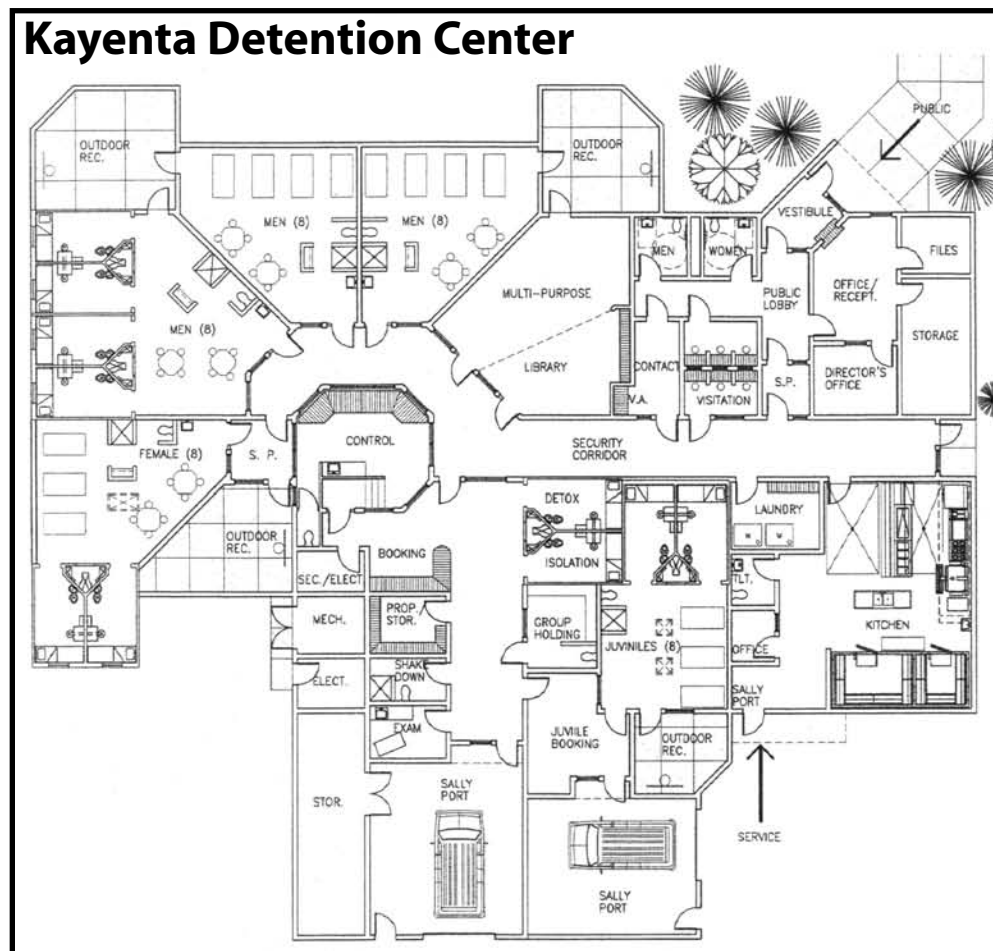
capitol improvement plan. Delores Greyeyes of the Kayenta police department said the expansion of the detention center must accommodate 100 inmates. D. Sloan Architects said they would design the site with the detention centers future expansion in mind.

Many of the detention facilities failed safety standards and posed many violations in fire safety, building structure, and hygiene. The Kayenta detention facility was among those that failed inspection. “Even the inmates complain about the conditions,” said Kayenta Detention Officer, Sherry Begay.

In December 2005, the Kayenta Today published a story about the current detention facilities in Kayenta and how the Department of Environmental Health inspected detention facilities across the Navajo Nation.

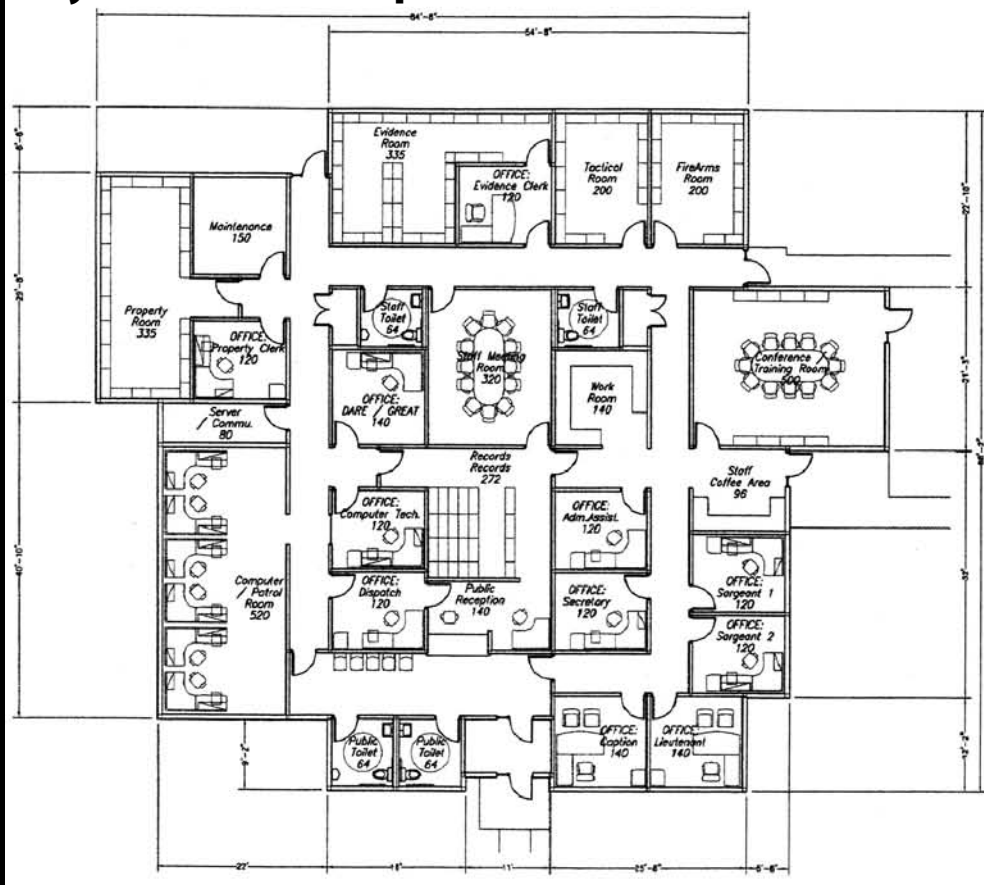
The current Kayenta detention facility was built back in the early 1970's and has two cells, each cell to hold female and male inmates, each cell can hold a maximum of ten inmates.

Kayenta Detention Center



Conceptual layout of the Kayenta detention center. Approximately 9,650 to 10,917 square feet and 20 feet tall, and is designed to house 24 men, 8 women, and 8 juveniles in separate quarters.

Kayenta Police Department



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**said Kayenta Detention Officer,
Sherry Begay.**

When the cells reach capacity, the Kayenta police department has to transfer inmates to Shiprock or Window Rock. If there is no room to house the inmates at the Shiprock or Window Rock facilities, inmates that have committed a lesser crime are release back into the public to accommodate additional inmates.

Unfortunately many criminals know this system all too well and continue to commit crimes knowing that they will be set free due the lack of detention space. This leads to many community members becoming upset and believing that the police department

and court system have failed them and that there is no justice for victims of crime on the Navajo Nation.

With the combined efforts of the Kayenta Township, Kayenta Chapter, the Navajo Nation, and Kayenta Police Department, the proposed Kayenta Public Safety building will benefit the community of Kayenta tremendously by making Kayenta a safer place to live.

Funding for the detention center comes from \$1,250,000.00 from the Kayenta Township and an additional \$750,000.00 in funding from the Navajo Nation. Additional funding for road construction, utilities, operation, and building maintenance of the detention center will be sought from the B.I.A. and the Navaio Nation.

A tentative public meeting pertaining to the detention center and future IHS hospital is scheduled be held in Kayenta, October 20, 2005 at the Kayenta Town Hall at 1:00 pm. If scheduled, the public is encouraged to attend to voice their concerns and comments about the proposed projects. For more information, please contact the Kayenta Township at (928) 697-8451.

But getting out of the Chuskas was no easy task. A sweltering afternoon along a sandy track above Alcove Canyon took the group on the final leg of the journey from the mountains back to the desert. And once the trekkers hit the floor of the canyon (and found the trickling stream), it was break time. Lounging and laying in the cold, flowing water restored energy levels back to the norm and the final 10 miles to the Mission were a comfortable cruise. After coming out to the Mission, the rest of the Tour was on pretty well-traveled routes to Dennehotso, Kane Valley, Kayenta, Navajo National Monument and Shonto.



Gazing deep into the heavens from the Tour's final camp was a climax that had been building for four nights. Since Sweetwater, two amateur astronomers from Kayenta had been following the group, waiting for the right time to break out the scopes and share their knowledge of the sky. Well, July 26 at Navajo National Monument was the time, and Esther Peaches and Jim Crittenden were up to the task. The group enjoyed Mars, Venus, Jupiter and the moon in their midsummer glory.

The Tour riders also had a chance to briefly study the uranium issue with NAU's Mansel Nelson in the Chuskas, met with Navajo Forestry and Fish & Wildlife staff, sat in on the Navajo Nation Council, and visited the Navajo Nation Museum. But some of the greatest lessons were learned from the folks that were encountered, the informal lessons around the camps each night and the experiences the riders shared on the trail each day.

The final leg of the ride concluded in Shonto, with a celebration in Shonto Canyon and cookout with friends and family. Up next for many of



the Tour riders, along some of you perhaps, is the Chuska Challenge mountain bike event in the Chuskas east of Tsaile in October. The two-day, fully-supported ride offers some great riding in the beautiful fall scenery of the Chuskas, combined with live music, great food, an arts fair, bike rodeo and other activities throughout the weekend. For more info about the Tour de Rez or the Chuska, visit the Y.E.S. website at www.youth-empowerment-services.org. See you on the trail!

Community Announcements

ADOT Public Meeting

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) will hold a public meeting on Oct. 12 in Show Low to discuss how the agency addresses winter road conditions. The public and media are encouraged to attend to ask questions and receive important information.

ADOT engineers will discuss de-icing agents, snow-plowing procedures, safety tips for drivers, and highway closures due to weather.

This is an opportunity for members of the public and the media to learn about ADOT's process for handling snow and ice on the highways.

Public Winter Weather Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Show Low Holiday Inn 151 W. Deuce of Clubs Show Low AZ

Navajo County

US Highway 163 Pedestrian Bridge - A new pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Laguna Wash on US Highway 163 near Kayenta. Vastco, Inc. will start work on the \$1.8 million project in November and will finish in May.



Domestic Violence Awareness

October is the month set aside for Domestic Violence Awareness, and TSH staff would love to have the community get involved in activities throughout the month.

Schedule of Events

October 1, 2005 Purple Ribbon Campaign to be held @ Kayenta Basha's from 9-2 p.m. Buy a ribbon and support saying no to domestic violence.

October 3, 2005 Candlelight Vigil and March. March will begin at Kayenta Basha's and proceed to Kayenta Chapter House. Candlelight Vigil will begin @ 7 p.m. Vigil is held in remembrance of women and children who have lost their lives due to domestic violence.

October 6, 2005 Shonto Horseback Ride Against DV. Horseback ride will begin @ Inscription House, AZ @ 9 a.m. and proceed to Shonto Preparatory School. Everyone is welcome to participate.

October 10, 2005 Deadline for Office Decorating Competition. Theme for decorating contest is "Domestic Violence is Our Business!" Every one in the community needs to be involve to relay is message that any abuse is not okay.

October 11, 2005 Judging of Office Decorating Competition. Winner will get free pizza, and office that wins will be announces @ MVHS Homecoming Game.

October 13, 2005 FREE DV 101 Mini-Training will be held from 8:30-4:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Please register early due to limited amount of seating. Educate your self of the topics of domestic violence such as: Elderly Abuse, Dating Violence, Same sex Domestic Violence, etc. Get involved in your community.

October 14, 2005 Monument Valley High School Homecoming!

October 22, 2005 "Putt for a Purpose" Golf Tournament held in Page, Arizona. Call (928) 697-3635 to register for the tournament. Donation to this tournament is for a good cause...women and children experiencing domestic violence.

October 26, 2005 Monument Valley High School (Utah Cougars) Candlelight Vigil and DV March

The public is invited to attend. If you have any questions about the events, please call Tohdenasshai Shelter Home @ 1(928) 697-8591.

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WELLS FARGO NAMES KRISTINE TSO MANAGER FOR KAYENTA STORE



KAYENTA – Wells Fargo has named Kristine Tso manager for its location in the Teeh In Deeh shopping center on U.S. Highway 160. Veronica Brogni, Community Banking president for Wells Fargo in Northeast Arizona, announced the appointment.

Tso began her financial services career in 1991 as a teller for the North Island Federal Credit Union in San Diego. In 1994, Tso was one of the original team members who opened Norwest Bank's Kayenta store, serving as a personal banker. She later was promoted to service manager. Norwest became Wells Fargo, and today, the company has four Community Banking stores on the Navajo Nation.

“Kristine’s leadership skills and her extensive financial services experience in our region make her an outstanding leader for our Kayenta team,” Brogni said. “With her Navajo language skills and her commitment to civic involvement and volunteerism, she is a great asset to the community.”

In December 2003, Tso completed the Wells Fargo Potential Leaders Program, which helps team members become more effective managers and community supporters. She is a member of the Kayenta Intermediate School Site Council, and for the 2004-2005 school year, she was a leader for Junior Girl Scout Troop 234.

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: TOWN MANAGER

CLOSING DATE: Position is open until filled.

REPORTING RELATIONS: Reports directly to the Kayenta Township Commission.

SALARY: Negotiable

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide professional leadership, management, administration, supervision and planning for the Township. The Town Manager is expected to exercise a high degree of independence, initiative, and professional expertise in the overall administration of the Township, including the implementation and enforcement of all Township policies, ordinances, and land use and capital improvement plans established by the Commission.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Inform and advise the Commission on the affairs, activities and functions of the Township and provide recommendations and alternative solutions for Commission consideration.
2. Coordinate Commission and staff effort toward community partnerships (working with groups, boards, councils and public and private agencies and entities) and intergovernmental relationships to pursue policies, services, and goals in the interests of the Township.
3. Develop policies, strategies and plans to facilitate and implement economic development with emphasis on the private economy to attract business and industry.
4. Direct and assist in the preparation, maintenance, and revision of comprehensive plans, policies, services and goals for the Township.
5. Maintain an efficient and effective human resource function through, among others overall supervisory control of the Township staff
6. Represent the Township in all dealings with other governments, private businesses, and the general public on all Township matters:
7. Oversee the preparation of the annual operating budget and its administration.
8. Prepare and monitor capital improvement plans and budgets.
9. Investigate and resolve citizen and business concerns, issues and complaints concerning Township matters.
10. Assist the Chairperson of the Commission in the preparation of the agenda for Commission meetings.
11. Perform other work as required.

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must live or relocate within the Township boundary;
2. Graduate from an accredited college or university with a degree in planning and management, economics, political science, business administration, education or a related field;
3. Five years actual responsible experience in municipal or other governmental planning and management;
4. Valid Drivers License;
5. Has not been convicted of any offense (criminal or civil) within the last ten (10) years that involved any of the following:
 - A. Deceit, untruthfulness and dishonesty, including extortion, embezzlement, bribery, perjury, forgery, fraud, misrepresentation, theft, conversion, or misuse of public or private funds or property;
 - B. Aggravated assault, aggravated battery or sexual misconduct; or
 - C. Use or possession of illegal drugs.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

1. Extensive knowledge of the principles, practices, methods and procedures of municipal planning and management and public administration, including the economic, geographic, and demographic factors involved in community development
2. Thorough knowledge of and experience with the general laws and regulations related to community development, including working knowledge of Township, Navajo Nation and federal laws and regulations related to zoning, procurement, personnel, taxation, leasing, bonds and contracting.
3. Ability to direct, supervise and maintain effective working relationship with staff, professionals and technicians of all levels.
4. Ability to effectively mediate and resolve operational and personnel problems.
5. Working knowledge of budget procedures and practices.
6. Ability to develop, negotiate and coordinate Township policies and activities with other governments, public and private agencies and entities, and the general public.
7. Working knowledge of research methodology and statistics with ability to analyze and systematically compile and report technical and statistical information.
8. Ability to research, write and effectively present comprehensive written and oral reports.
9. Ability to make difficult and independent decisions.

Please provide a completed application, resume, four employment references, two personal references, and evidence of certifications, diplomas, etc. Applications and a more detailed job description can be obtained by calling (928) 697-8451. The Kayenta Township reserves the right to reject any and all applications and to re-advertise if necessary.



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The Wetherills

**Richard Mike
KTC Board Memeber**

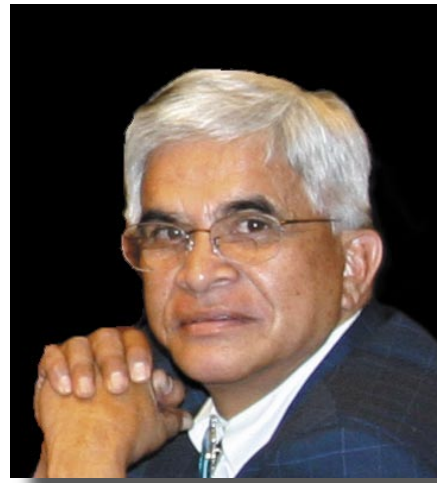
Beginning from the Kayenta Chapter House and headed due west towards the LDS Church, one will by-pass the Wetherill Gravesite. The gravesite sets on the edge of a wind swept hill-overlooking Kayenta with sandstone buttresses and the "Toes" to the north and a sweeping view of Black Mesa descending into the east.

In 1966, Dr. Harold S. Colton who constructed the Museum of Northern Arizona at Flagstaff, Arizona went to look at the Wetherill graves. Dr. Colton was appalled at the strewn broken glass, bottles, rocks, and weeds surrounding the gravesite. Dr. Colton placed \$210.72 in the hands of Mrs. Reuben (Mildred) Heflin to enclose the graves with a fence. Mildred Heflin in turn, added \$100.00 to the money and gave the funds to Mr. Jack Wilson, the Kayenta School Superintendent to install the fence. The project was finally completed in September 1969. The gravesite holds these occupants:

A monument and doubly cemented grave cap for:

JOHN WETHERILL
"HOSTEEN JOHN"
1866 – 1944

LOUISA WADE WETHERILL
1877 – 1945



Another doubly cemented cap with two small head stones for:

BEN WETHERILL
Dec 28, 1896 – July 15, 1946

CLYDE COLVILLE
Sept 1881 – Mar 1, 1945

And one singularly cemented cap grave with a metal grave placard for:

FREDERICK F. CORRIGAN
KANSAS
CPL US MARINE CORPS
WORLD WAR I
July 4, 1898 – Aug 9, 1945

I have listed a very brief synopsis of the lives of each of the occupants of the Wetherill gravesite.

Fletcher Corrigan was the son of Ethel Corrigan, who was the sister to Clyde Colville, general business partner to the Wetherills. Fletcher visited his uncle a number of times and at his request, was buried beside his uncle after his death on August 9, 1954.

Clyde Colville died six months after John Wetherill's death leaving \$24,000.00 accrued to a mutual trust known as Wetherill and Colville. Mrs. Ethel Corrigan (Clyde Colville's sister) of Hutchison,



Circa 1942. The Wetherill family. L. to R. Benjamin, Betty Zane, John, Louisa, and Fannie.

Photo, Courtesy of Harvey Leake. Great Grandson of John Wetherill

Kansas claimed to be her brother's sole heir. Clyde Colville however, left a will dated December 27, 1944 (a month after John Wetherill's death) turning over his estate to Louisa Wetherill so the court refused to consider Ethel Corrigan's complaint.

Clyde Colville never married and lived with both John and Louisa Wetherill joining them at Ojo Alamo in 1902. He accompanied the Wetherills to Oljato in 1906, then Kayenta in 1910.

Clyde Colville was a better trader than John Wetherill as he kept the books and handled the business details. He was the Post Master at the Kayenta Trading Post and did the water coloring for Louisa Wetherill of the intricate sand paintings she collected. He also decorated the Wetherill home with colorful murals using many of these same sand painting motifs. Mr. Colville was also Kayenta's only notary public for many years to come.

After John Wetherill's death, both Louisa Wetherill and Colville being in poor health, decided to sell the trading post and lodge. Before any deal was consummated, Colville died on March 1, 1945, at the age of 63.

Benjamin Wetherill was the only son of John and Louisa Wetherill. Ben lost his right eye at six years of age after being kicked by a horse.

His family was en route from Chavis to Pueblo Bonito when they frantically returned to the railroad at Thoreau. Ben's right eye was removed in Albuquerque, New Mexico Territory.

Benjamin tried to enter the military service in WWI but was turned down. He married a Kayenta school-teacher Myrle Jeanette Davis in 1923 and they had four sons. In 1941, Myrle Davis Wetherill divorced Ben taking the four boys with her. On a job assignment in Alaska, Ben lost one leg and turned to drinking.

Benjamin became quite despondent after the deaths of both of his parents and Clyde Colville within the previous year. At age 50, he died of alcoholism and Loneliness in a Winslow hospital on July 16, 1946.

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Louisa Wade Wetherill was born Mary Louise Wade on September 2, 1877. At eighteen years of age, she married John Wetherill, age thirty on March 17, 1896. In 1900, she and her husband took over the management of one of Richard Wetherill's Trading Post at Ojo Alamo, located 15 miles north of the Pueblo Bonito ruins.

It was at Ojo Alamo where her son Ben lost his eye and her brother John Wade nearly died from pneumonia. Because of the isolation of the reservation, she vowed to learn the Navajo language, the uses of native herbs and understand the Navajo way of life. The Navajo people called her "Slim Woman" ('Asdzaa ts'osi) and she recorded the legends and folk tales as told to her by Wolfkiller.

Many Navajos were astounded that a white person could understand and speak their language so well. Louisa had two of her own children, Ben and Georgia Ida. Georgia Ida Wetherill was nicknamed "Sister" and Sister died after being hit by a drunk driver at a 4th of July parade in 1935 in Mesa, Arizona.

When her own children left home, John and Louisa "adopted" 3 Indian girls out of the Tuba City Boarding School. The first, Ester had TB and she died from the flu in 1921. The second, was named Frances Virginia and became "Fannie Wetherill". The third child was a sickly child when

adopted but soon became a healthy child and became known as "Betty Zane Wetherill".

Both Fannie and Betty received their 8th grade diplomas in Kayenta on May 19, 1933 and went to live with "Sister" and attend Mesa High School. Fanny married Lutey Mahan, a construction manager and they moved from place to place all over the world. Betty went back to Kayenta and met Buck Rodgers. They got married and opened a trading post at Cameron, Arizona. Buck Rodgers passed away in 1975 and Betty lives in Page, Arizona.

Louisa was renown for her study of Navajo ceremonialism (sand paintings) and her collection of legends and herbs.

Louisa was left lonely and rudderless after the deaths of husband John and partner Clyde Colville within 6 months of each other. She sold Kayenta Trading Post and moved to her small ranch in Skull Valley, 25 miles from Prescott, Arizona.

There she sought solace from her son Ben who turned out to be of no help as he was rooted to alcohol. Suffering from uremia and high blood pressure, she was admitted to the Community Hospital in Prescott, Arizona. She died the next day on September 18, 1945, at the age of 68, less than one year after her husband.



Circa 1929.. Fannie and Betty Wetherill. These two girls, although never formally adopted by John and Louisa Wetherill, grew up as members of the Wetherill family.

Photo, Courtesy of Harvey Leake. Great Grandson of John Wetherill



1915, John Wetherill at the newly erected suspension bridge to replace the 1909 bridge that was wiped out in a flood at Mexican Hat, Utah. This bridge facilitated not only trade for anglos and Indians but was used for travel for archeological expeditions. The San Juan River had been a long-standing barrier marking the boundary of the Navajo reservation from the Utes and Paiutes. Before the bridge, Indians and anglos alike had to ford the San Juan River at the risk of their property and even their lives.



1909, Charley Spencer, Prospector and Miner crossing a new bridge at Mexican Hat, Utah. The prospector Spencer had a claim along the San Juan River at the mouth of Nakai Canyon. Today, the mouth of the Spencer mine is underneath Lake Powell. In 1910, a flood washed the Mexican Hat Bridge away

Above Photos, Courtesy of Harvey Leake. Great Grandson of John Wetherill.

John Wetherill and his brothers discovered the ancient cities of Mesa Verde. This simply kindled his interest in searching out more ruins. He discovered Betatakin, Inscription House, and Kiet Seel ruins among many other smaller sites. He also discovered Rainbow Bridge although he said that many prospectors had been there first as they left their initials carved into the great arch. In addition, he relayed the fact that most Navajos didn't know about Rainbow Bridge and the guide who took him there was a Paiute Indian by the name of Nasja Begay, later taking an anglo name – Jim Mike.

John Wetherill didn't care much for bargaining in a trading post. He

preferred to be out on the trail for a scientific or archeological exploration of ancient sites. He turned over the business details to Clyde Colville and wanted his wife Louisa to manage the Kayenta Lodge.

His health began to fail in 1942 so he went to stay at Long Beach, California for the summer with his brother-in-law, Jim Wade. The next summer, John set out for a lower altitude again, this time he planned to stay with his grand-daughter, Juanita Louise Minkler at her home in Needles, California. He never reached Needles as he died aboard the train at Ash Fork, Arizona on November 30, 1944. John Wetherill was 78 years of age at the time of his death.

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THE HEFLIN FAMILY

By Richard Mike
Kayenta Township Commissioner
 Farmington and Aztec) - Reuben Heflin, in the little chapel, the Episcopal Mission built on land donated to the church by her father, Stokes Carson.

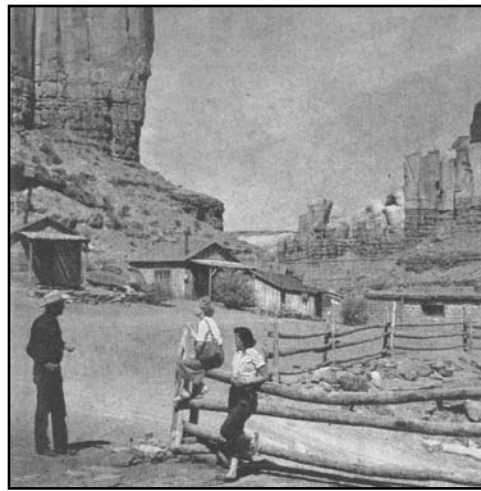
Mildred (Carson) Heflin was born in 1913 to Stokes and Jessie (Smith) Carson at Farmington, New Mexico. Two of her uncles, (her mother's brothers), Bob and Merritt Smith built Toadlena Trading Post in 1909 in the foothills of the Chuska Mountains. Her father, Stokes Carson built Carson Trading Post, 10 miles east of Huerfano Butte along the sloping banks of Gallegos Wash in 1918.

Mildred (Carson) Heflin eventually had three other sisters all of whom went into the Navajo Trading Post business. Josephine and Sam Drolet - Carson Trading Post; Marie Leighton - Shonto Trading Post and Two Grey Hills; Virginia and Edward Smith - Oljato Trading Post; Mildred and Reuben Heflin - Kayenta Trading Post; and back to her parents Stokes and Jessie Carson, who operated Inscription House Trading Post until their deaths in 1974.

Mildred (Carson) Heflin grew up at Huerfano and became a teacher at Huerfano Day School. In December 1937, she married another school teacher from Flora Vista (between

After the marriage of Mildred and Reuben Heflin, they decided to purchase Oljato Trading Post and moved there in 1938. They operated Oljato Trading Post for eight years and had three daughters there - Edie Yogerst of Phoenix, Arizona; Nina Heflin of Kayenta, Arizona; and, Sharon Johnson of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Heflin's purchased a battery-operated radio when they went to Oljato and it became an immediate and major attraction at Oljato. The Indian Agency (Now called BIA) at Shiprock would broadcast a Navajo program in the Navajo language every Saturday morning about the latest happenings with the Navajo Tribal Council in Window Rock and about the war in Europe and Japan. At Oljato, there was no plumbing or electricity. Water came out from a raised tank and ran out into the sand immediately behind the store.



Gouldings Lodge - Monument Valley, Utah



Kayenta Lodge- Kayenta, Arizona



Carson children at Huerfano 1926
L to R Marie Leighton (Scottie); Virginia Smith (Chin); Mildred Heflin; and Josephine Drolet (Jo).

An electric generator wasn't installed until 1944, a year before the Heflin's moved.

After World War II, many soldiers were returning from the war and America became the new land of opportunity. So the Heflins decided to move and they had to make a decision. First of all, the Wetherills of Kayenta had just passed away as did Clyde Colville. They were offered the Wetherill and Colville Trading Post (Kayenta Trading Post) in 1945 as well as Shonto Trading Post.

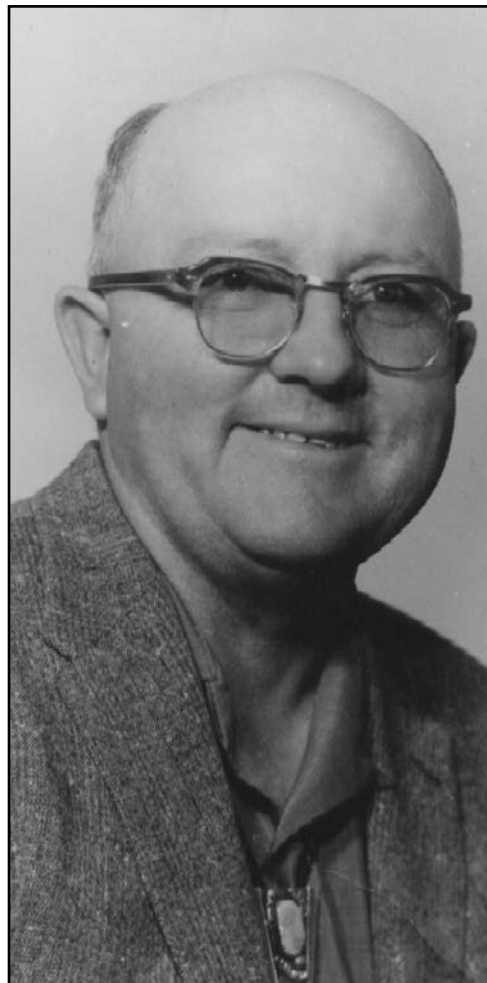
Kayenta had a post office, a government sanitarium for tubercular patients and two stores: Kayenta Trading Post and Warren Trading Post. Kayenta also had a Presbyterian Mission whereas Shonto didn't have any of these local services.

However, the Navajos at Shonto had more sheep and the area harvested more pinions than Kayenta. Remember also that the Navajos were still reeling from the Navajo Stock Reduction Program where they were forced by the BIA to reduce their herds. To the Navajo mind, reduc-

ing their herds rather than increasing them was against nature and meant imminent starvation to their families. Without the learned skills to live in a wage economy and having dwindling numbers of sheep, the Navajo people had no livelihood.

The Stock Reduction Program changed the Navajo people from a hard working industrious people, to having little or no income, then down to subsistence. Some areas were hit harder than others and because Shonto didn't have a graded road, it was largely bypassed by John Collier and the Indian Service.

Reuben and Mildred operated Shonto Trading Post from 1945 until 1955. Because there were no public schools at Shonto, Mildred basically bordered her children in Flagstaff for nine months each year. She would help her husband on the week-ends but inclement weather would sometimes stop her visits as the roads were clay and sand and invariably washed out during a rain or snow-storm.



Reuben Heflin, 1965



Reuben and Mildred's wedding day, 1937

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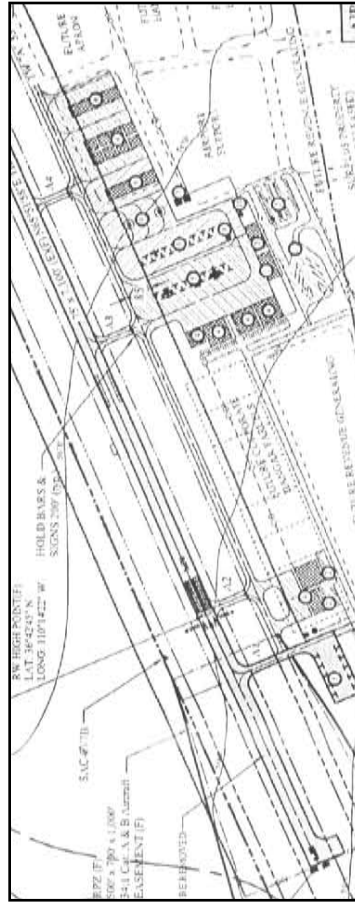
KAYENTA'S AIRPORT SOON TO BECOME A REALITY

On October 27, 2005 the Kayenta Township held a Pre Design conference for the Kayenta Airport with Armstrong and Associates at Kayenta Town Hall. Among the attendees of the conference were representatives from IHS, NTUA, NDOT, Kayenta Chapter, and Red Skies Surveying and Mapping.

First on the agenda, was the airport access road and a discussion on how it will play a key role in the (overall) planning of the airport itself. The planned access road will be alligned with another access point located on the south side of Highway 160 from the airport. This additional access point will be the main access point for the future Kayenta hospital scheduled for construction in 2007.

During the discussion, many concerns were brought up by the attendees about the safety of the future intersection. Representatives from Armstrong and Associates said that they would have to work closely with ADOT and NDOT on the design of Highway 160 so it will include turning and deceleration lanes in the proposed area of the access road. Adding the additional turning and deceleration lanes will add an estimated \$500,000.00 to the project. IHS will be responsible for the south side of Highway 160. The Kayenta Township is looking into other possible grants to help fund the additional cost. Also discussed with ADOT was adding signage to Highway 160, and changing the speed limit, making the new intersection safe and efficient for the public.

Estimated construction costs for the airport access road itself, is \$540,000.00, much of this cost is covered by a grant from the FAA, and the remaining cost will be covered by the Kayenta Township.



Planners and Designers from Armstrong and Associates met with representatives from IHS, ADOT, NDOT, NTUA, Kayenta Chapter, and Kayenta Township in the Kayenta Town Hall on October 27, 2005.

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Second on the agenda was the Kayenta airport runway reconstruction. The reconstruction of the runway will shift the runway 1,190 feet northeast of its current position to make room for the addition of future taxiways and aprons at the new airport. The old runway will be ground up, crushed and used as a base foundation for the new asphalt. Currently the existing runway is able to accommodate a 12,000 lbs weight limit, but has been deteriorating at a rapid rate due to wear and tear by aviation and weather conditions. The new runway will be able to accommodate 45,000 lbs, making the new runway more than three times as strong as the old runway.

An area of concern to Armstrong and Associates was the question of a near by source of gravel and crushed rock for the runway project. They stated that the further away the source for gravel and crushed rock is, the higher the construction cost will be. Fortunately there are a number of reliable sources for gravel and crushed rock around the Kayenta area such as Mexican Hat and Bluff, Utah to help keep the costs for construction down.



NTUA also posed a concern about the weight limits of the existing power lines buried at the north end of the runway. Currently the lines are buried six feet underground and the planned new runway will lie over the lines. NTUA said that the cabled will need to be re-sleeved to accommodate the additional weight and weight limits of the runway. The existing power lines, also known as “transmission lines”, provides 69Kv

(69,000 volts) of electrical power to Black Mesa. In order to re-sleeve and terminate the cables, power to the cables will need to be shut off. NTUA stated that they will need to give Black Mesa at least a thirty day notice prior to the shut off of power.

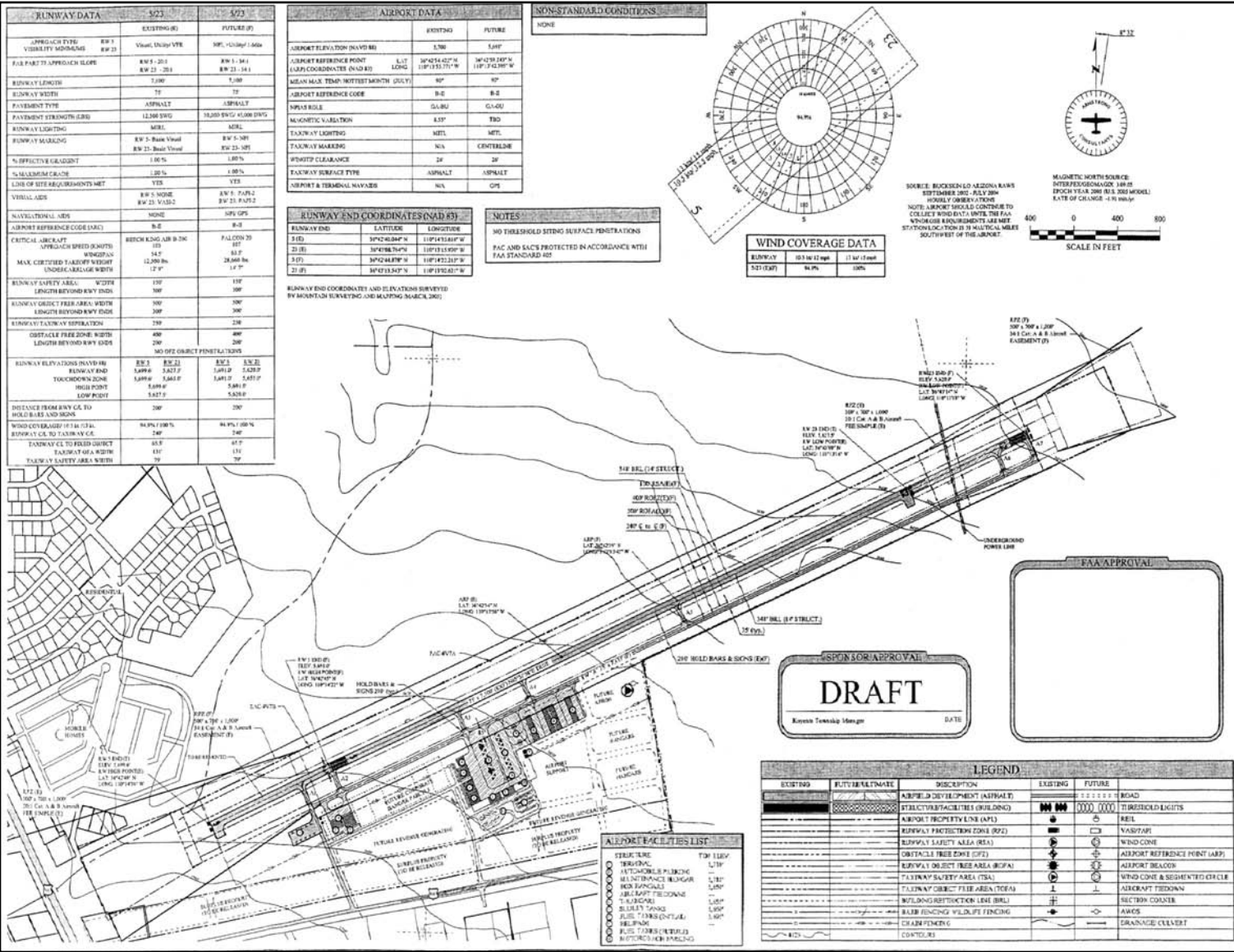
NTUA also said that this would have to be a special job and will provide a cost estimate for the project. The Kayenta Township stated that they would collaborate with NTUA on the cable project, but if the estimate from NTUA is too high, the project will have to go out for bid to help keep costs down.

IHS also posed concern about the closure of the airport during the construction of the new airport. They stated that they would have to be given ample time in order to renegotiate a contract with EMS and work out an agreement with Black Mesa airport in order to reroute patients for emergency air-evacuation.

Although the Kayenta airport is in its pre-design phase and has full archeological clearance from the Navajo Nation, planners and designers still

need environmental clearances before construction can begin.

Many of the entities involved in the planning and design of the airport, such as IHS, NTUA, ADOT, NDOT, Kayenta Chapter, and the Kayenta Township, play a vital role in the planning and design process. Every aspect of the new airport is critical in order to provide the community of Kayenta with a safe and efficient airport that everyone can benefit from. For more information on the Kayenta Airport, please contact the Kayenta Township at (928) 697-8451.



CELLULAR ONE PROPOSES A NEW CELL TOWER TO THE KAYENTA TOWNSHIP

Telecommunications play a vital role in our everyday lives here on the Navajo Nation, many of us utilize some form of telecommunication whether it is the Internet, the telephone, or a cell phone to keep in contact with family, friends, or work related communication. Telecommunications on the Navajo Nation has come a long way in the past few years. Hundreds of miles of fiber optic communication cable has been laid across the Navajo Nation to greatly improve telecommunications; these cables are what link our isolated communities to each other and the world.

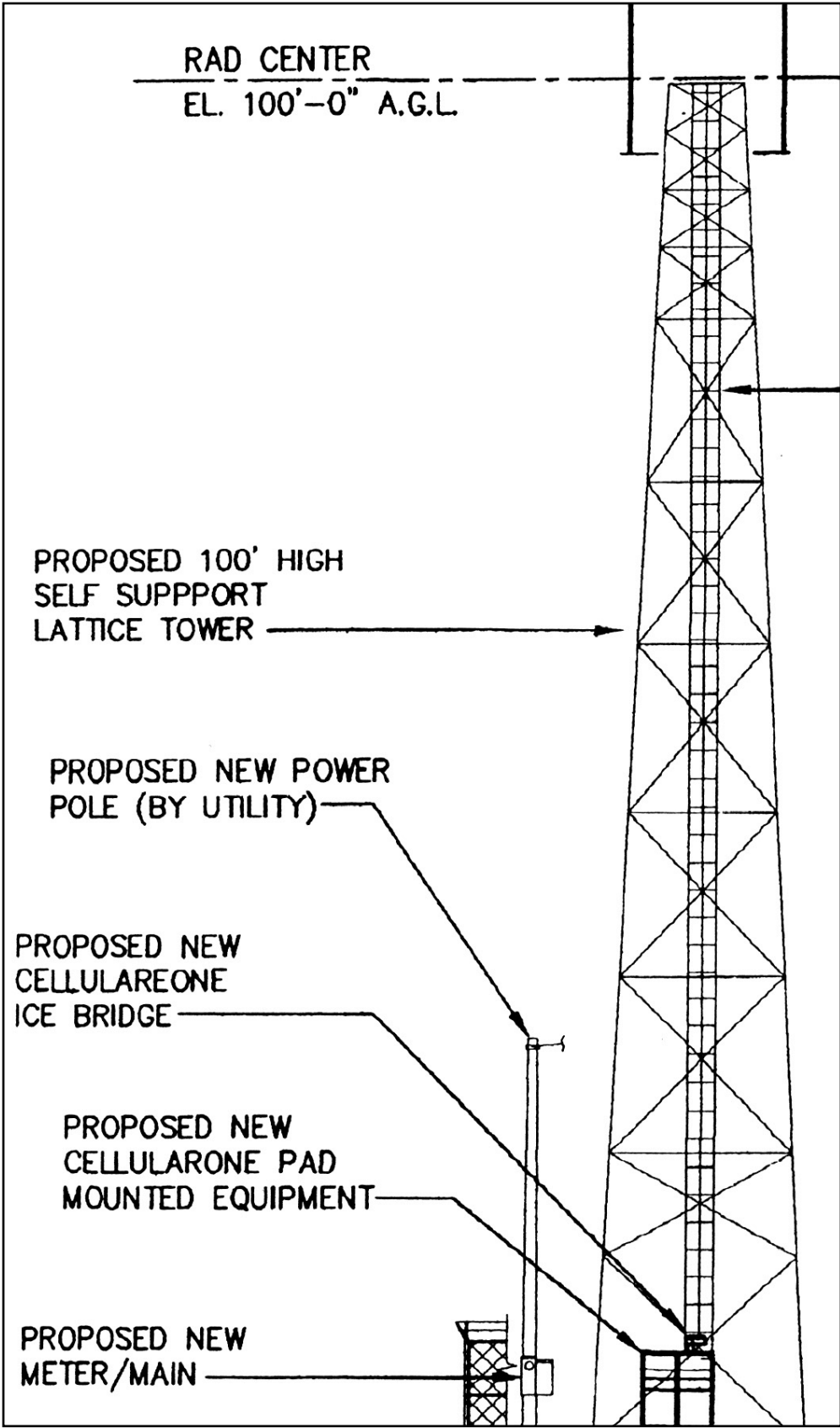
Wireless services such as cell phones are fast becoming an integral part of our daily communication needs. Few wireless service providers have been able to provide reliable wireless

services across the Navajo Nation due to the financial investments wireless companies have to invest, as well as the bureaucratic red tape every business has to fight through in order to start a business on the Navajo Nation. Many companies have tried, only to become frustrated with the bureaucratic red tape, and gave up. One company did not give up. They toughed it out and in the end, developed an excellent working relationship with the Navajo Nation and its communities. That company is Cellular One from Show Low, Arizona.

Cellular One has been providing wireless services for the people Navajo Nation for many years. Many rely on Cellular One's service because local phone companies are



Cellular One proposes to construct an 80-100 foot cell tower near the water towers in the northwest area of Kayenta to improve service.



unable to provide any type of service in many rural areas of the Navajo Nation.

Presently, people on the Navajo Nation have been demanding better and more reliable wireless services. Many have strongly voiced that the people of the Navajo Nation should have the right to choose their wireless service provider, some have even called Cellular One a monopoly. Unfortunately there are only a few other wireless service providers on the Navajo Nation, but they do not provide the service coverage that Cellular One provides.

The lack of additional wireless service providers on the Navajo Nation not only affects those that live here, but it greatly affects many others that come to the Navajo Nation to visit or conduct business. Many of these people are used to having some sort of wireless service, but are unable to use their cell phones in many areas when they are on the Navajo Nation. Many have resorted to pay phones and calling cards for their communication needs. Although this may be good business for those providing the pay phones and phone cards, it proves a major inconvenience for those that have to utilize these services.

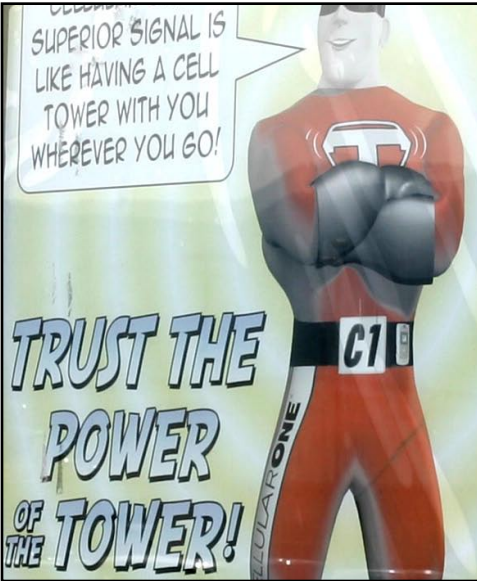
In a recent press release from Cellular One, the Navajo Nation Natural Resources Committee passed legislation to allow a minimum of 47 Right of Way locations for CellularOne.

“This is a tremendous step to cover our entire area”, said George Arthur, Chairman of the Navajo Natural Resources Committee. “Other cell phone carriers had the same opportunity to attempt this, but CellularOne was the only company to step up to the plate.”

Once the main tower infrastructure is in place, other providers such as Verizon Wireless and Alltel will be allowed to co-locate on CellularOne’s structures, increasing competition and service provider options for customers.

Since the recent press release, Cellular One recently approached the Kayenta Township and proposed to construct an 80 -100 foot communications tower in the community. Cellular One has stated that customers within the Kayenta area are in dire need of better cell phone reception and service. The proposed tower would be located in the northwest area of Kayenta, very near the dual water towers Kayenta locals refer to as “The Hill”.

Construction of the tower would begin only after receiving approval from the Kayenta Township and its commissioners. In a recent meeting between the Kayenta Township and Cellular One, the Kayenta Township stated that the need for wireless communications is necessary for the citizens and visitors of the community.



A Cellular One representative helps customers at its Bashas location at the Kayenta Shopping Center. Cellular One operates many customer service centers such as this one in Kayenta, all across the Navajo Nation.



Ed Adakai (Kayenta), a loyal Cellular One customer relays on Cellular One’s service to run his business as well as keeping in contact with his family.

The Kayenta Township realizes that Cellular One will allow other wireless service providers to co-locate on the tower, but it should be financially feasible for them to do so. Co-location of different wireless service provider’s equipment on the proposed communication tower would give the citizens of Kayenta, it’s visitors, and the surrounding areas a choice of various different wireless service providers such as, Alltel and Verizon Wireless to name a few.

The Kayenta Township’s vision is to promote economic growth and business opportunities within the community of Kayenta to provide a better way of life for its citizens and visitors. Co-location of various wireless service providers within the community of Kayenta would produce competition between wireless service providers, therefore driving down the costs wireless communication and making it more affordable and convenient for customers to utilize wireless technology.

Currently the Kayenta Township and Cellular One are working on an agreement that both parties can agree on. The Kayenta Township realizes that wireless communication plays a vital role in any community. Without a reliable form of wireless communication, it would only hold back economic growth and hinder reliable communication for the people of Kayenta and its visitors. For more information, please contact the Kayenta Township @ (928) 697-8451.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring the Elder's Day on November 23 from 9-12 at the Boys and Girls Club building, there will be booths focusing on Elder's care/issues. 100 Pre-selected elders will receive food boxes with necessities. A luncheon will be served for the attendees. NHS is co-sponsor of the event with Indigenous Advocacy Inc.

Soup Kitchen is open every Saturday at the Catholic Church from 11am-1pm. Open until March 11. If there are any clubs/organizations that is interested in hosting a Saturday; there are still some available dates. Current host organizations: KMS Multicultural Club, Kayenta

Education Association, MVHS National Honor Society, and 1st Baptist Church.
Contact cbilly@kayenta.k12.az.us for more information.

Kayenta Public Health Nursing will be giving flu shots at the Kayenta Basha's on Thursday, December 1, 2005 from 10am to 8pm. We will also be giving flu shots at the "Honoring the Elders" event scheduled for Wednesday, November 23, 2005 at the Kayenta Field House (formerly the Boy's & Girls' Club) from 9:30 am to 12 noon. For any questions regarding the flu vaccine, please call our office at 697-4033.

JAMES AND ERNIE VISIT KAYENTA



Comedians James Junes and Ernest Tsosie III entertained Kayenta Community School Students and Faculty at the KCS auditorium on October 28, during Red Ribbon Week.

Participate in the Literacy is Empowering Book Drive, by donating new or like-new books, or a monetary donation (\$10.00 will purchase one book). After last year's successful book drive by gathering over 800 books for children on the Navajo Nation, we decided to continue the Literacy is Empowering Project because of the continuing need for books in the home. The purpose of the Literacy is Empowering Book Drive is to bring more books into the homes of children. Accordingly, to scientifically-based reading research, access to print-awareness enhances reading skills and language development. The project was created in November 2004 by Rozanna Benally as she held the title Miss Utah Navajo 2004-05 and her platform was "the importance of education."

New or like-new, preschool-8th grade level books are being collected. The books will be distributed during Family Literacy Night events sponsored by Even Start- Reading to Harmony Program, to children throughout various communities on the Navajo Nation. Donated books can be dropped off at Montezuma Creek Elementary School or arranged site, by December 22, 2005. Your donation is tax-deductible. Also, as an appreciation for your donation, your business will be advertised throughout a variety of Literacy is Empowering events. If you have questions, feel free to contact, Rozanna at (435) 459-3615 or benallyr@aol.com or Rebecca at (435) 651-3425.



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When ever we Navajo make an appearance in court, because of the rules that govern court procedures, we are never given the opportunity to really tell our story to where it is understood by individuals that need to understand. I was unable to do this because of the strict court procedures, but I did the best I could as President of our Nation.

Through Navajo legislation by the Council, we do not want any more expansion to what is already there, we also do not want the use of reclaimed waste water to make snow. The structures that are there shouldn't have been built, even that should be erased. The Navajo Nation and thirteen other tribes were in opposition to it.

It is very unfortunate that we are even talking about protecting the San Francisco Peaks in this country of ours. We go to war to protect other religions and other ways of life. Why isn't our way of life here protected? Why is it desecrated? That is what I'd like to know. This story needs to be told.

I see a lot of veterans here, our soldiers are at war today, even as I speak, protecting not only the United States of America, religious freedom, but also protecting Native American way of life, our way of believing. Many have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect out way of life, Native Americans, Dineh way of life.

Why are we even talking about protecting, pleading, begging, not to do an expansion of the ski resort already there on the Peaks? It's very unfortunate that I see this, it should be a given that our way of life should be protected, the way we believe should be protected.

I also stated using an analogy, the bible is what makes the Christian as I understand, and the words of God are living and alive. Native Americans are coming forward to say, "Our Mountain is alive, she's our mother, she's our guide."

We receive guidance through the songs that we sing surrounding our home, the Mountain. It is very much alive to us. Why can't they believe that? "

Navajo Nation President, Joe Shirley Jr.
Press Conference - Prescott, AZ - November 2, 2005



In 1954, Reuben and Mildred went into a partnership with Reuben's brother Glenwood Heflin. Glenwood Heflin had just retired from the US Navy therefore he was back seeking another means of living. Glenwood brought back his bride from Norway – Lydia Heflin.

This partnership purchased Kayenta Trading Post in 1954 and Glenwood operated the store. A year later, Glenwood Heflin desired to purchase Chilchibeto Trading Post so he talked about his plans with his brother Reuben. Another year passed and Glenwood moved to Chilchibeto and Reuben and Mildred Heflin sold the Shonto Trading Post and moved to Kayenta in 1956. The Heflin's immediately began construction of a new post right in front of the old Kayenta Trading Post built by the Wetherill's.

After the new Kayenta Trading Post opened its doors for business, the old Wetherill and Colville store became the Kayenta Public School while a new public school construction program commenced. The public school

in the trading post still had only one teacher for all 1st to 8th graders in one room. High School students had to go elsewhere.

During the latter part of the 50's, the uranium boom started all over the Navajo Nation. In addition, Monument Valley was becoming a popular site for movie makers and television commercials. Tourist and visitors would often come into the Kayenta Trading Post disillusioned and frustrated because they couldn't find a motel room. Both area hotels, the Kayenta Lodge and Gouldings Lodge were built in the early twenties and had no modern conveniences.

In 1958, Reuben Heflin decided to build the Wetherill Inn of Kayenta. The hotel grew with increasing demand and after only two years in 1960, a new highway was completed two miles outside of Kayenta. Reuben was in a dilemma as he only started paying off the Wetherill Inn. He sought a financial partner which he found in Bud Gibson and they constructed the Monument Valley



Top photo: 1961; L to R, Edie Jo, Richard Mike, Sharon Heflin, Reuben Heflin, Nina Heflin.

Bottom photo: 1992, L to R, Sharon Johnson, Nina Heflin, Mildred Heflin, Richard Mike, and Edie Yogerst.

Virginia Smith (Chin) and Josephine Drolet (Jo) were dead while Marie Leighton (Scottie) lay unconscious and had crushed ribs. Scottie was flown to Pueblo, Colorado. It took several months for her to recuperate.

Two months later, Edward Smith died from a broken heart at Oljato. A year later during the spring of '87, Sam Drolet died of a heart attack. Then Marie Leighton (Scottie) got breast cancer and died in January of 1988.

Mildred Heflin was the only Carson left. When she sold the Holiday Inn in 1972, she moved back to Flagstaff, Arizona where she remained active in business. She purchased several apartments in Camp Verde, Arizona and one in Phoenix. She also loaned the money to both Richard Mike and Nina Heflin so that they could begin their business careers with a new Kayenta Burger King restaurant.

Often, she gave freely of her advice to Richard Mike and Nina Heflin on many technical issues facing their business and was actively engaged in two Flagstaff social organizations until her discovery that she had contacted pancreatic cancer and died within three weeks of finding out. She passed away on March 14, 2002 surrounded by her children and grandchildren.



The Carson women at Lake City, Colorado, hours before the tragedy. L to R, Mildred Heflin, Virginia Smith, Josephine Drolet, and Marie Leighton. May 5, 1985

Holiday Inn. Reuben and Mildred Heflin then sold the Kayenta Trading Post and the Wetherill Inn to Bradley and Carolyn Blair in the year 1966.

Reuben had a heart attack in August of 1967 and died in Kayenta. His widow, Mildred Heflin worked at the Holiday Inn with her daughter Nina until she sold it to Ocean Properties Inc. in 1972.

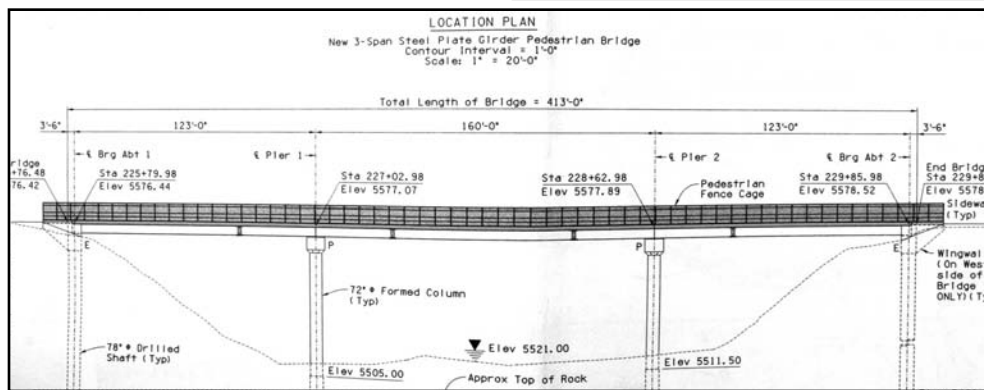
A large tragedy beset the Heflin's on the Labor Day week-end in 1985 when they went out on an outing to Lake City, Colorado. Mildred Heflin's grandfather, John Christopher Carson (no relation to Kit Carson) staked a claim in a silver mine near Lake City and all four Carson women decided to visit their grandfather's mine. On the return trip from the mine, their SUV hit a ravine and plummeted down the mountainside. Sam Drolet was driving and Mildred Heflin was in the passenger seat. Nothing happened to Sam or Mildred.

The passengers in the rear however were Virginia Smith, Marie Leighton in the middle and Josephine Drolet.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON LAGUNA CREEK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

ADOT began construction on a new pedestrian bridge this month on highway 163. The new pedestrian bridge will run parallel with the existing bridge crossing Laguna Creek northeast of Kayenta.

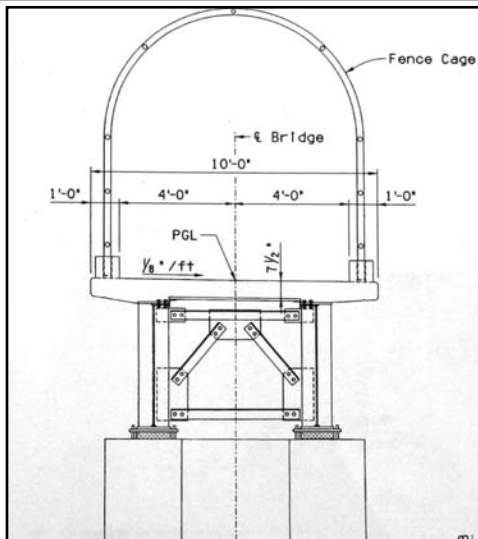
The new pedestrian bridge will be fenced caged for safety, ten feet wide and span over four hundred feet across Laguna Creek. A new sidewalk will also be added and connect to the existing sidewalk along highway 163, approximately half a mile



west of Laguna Creek bridge.

Currently the existing bridge accommodates two-way traffic and does not have a walkway for pedestrians to cross. The addition of a pedestrian bridge will make crossing Laguna Creek much safer for the public.

Completion of the pedestrian bridge is estimated in June or July of 2006. For more information, please contact ADOT or the Kayenta Township at (928) 697-8451.



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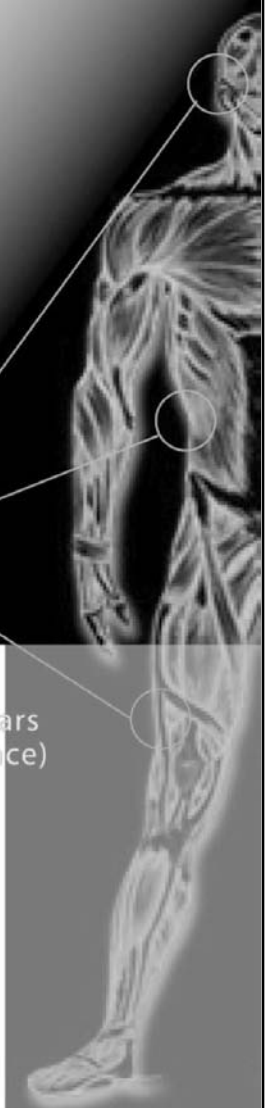
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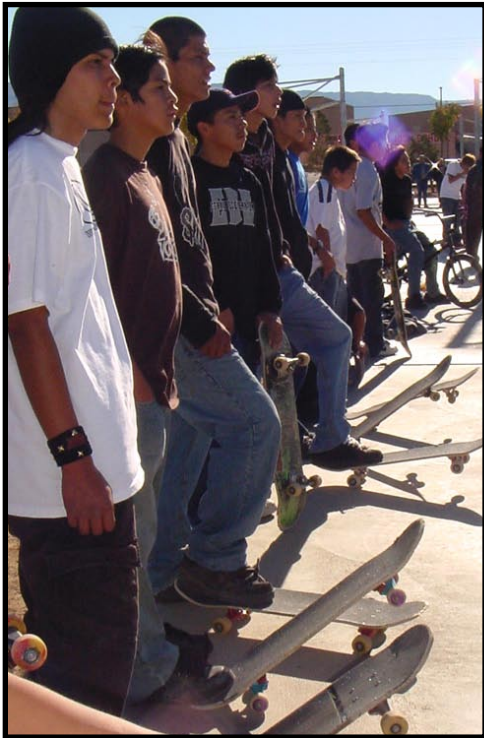


If It's Hard, Grind It!

By Rocky Tano

A famous tag-line released in many TransWorld Skateboarding magazines in the mid-80's has been revitalized once again, spawning a slew of local skateboarders. The recent Skate Park demonstration held on November 12, 2005, was host to 100 skaters and BMX athletes. The Saturday-long event took place at the Kayenta Middle School basketball courts, which was covered with ramps from both the Skatewave and American Ramp Companies.

Considering the recent decrease in climate, there was little hesitation of any kind on behalf of the young spirits determined to prove their skills. In addition to the skaters, there were many community and political members in attendance, showing much support for the world-renowned sport.



A lunch was also provided, courtesy of Skatewave in conjunction with an indoor video presentation of the many positive results of skateboarding. By the end of the day, many friends were made, tricks were exchanged and many pats on the back were traded as the youth of Kayenta and its surrounding areas collaborated in unison.

According to SkateWave (Exer-play) representative, Dan Smith, the exhibit was a successful example of what a well organized Skate Park could do for the community.



"This has been a great turn-out. It's awesome to see the youth in an environment that allows them to take part in what they enjoy, skating, friendship, and music," commented Smith.

The obvious question on everyone's mind is when and where such a skateboard facility will be provided for Kayenta to enjoy. Smith included in his presentation that due to the high cost of concrete, an economical route that has served successful in other areas has been the use of an existing basketball court. The basic premise of the plan would be for a section of the basketball court to be sectioned off and occupied with various vert-ramps and rails to accommodate a skating/BMX area.



Kayenta Township Operations Director, Bill Cly contacted the vendors and organized the event. The Kayenta Township is looking into an alternate method of construction other than a typical concrete skate park due to concrete costs in the area.

Possibilities of this sort are also being discussed and spearheaded by Monument Valley's own Skate Club. Math teacher and Skate Club sponsor, Art Stendel has established a club where concerns and plans are reviewed with the intent of having a Skate park become a reality for the community's youth.

"We had many more participants than expected, it's been great! We appreciate the bands that played also, and the support we're receiving from the community," Stendel expressed.

Township, Chapter, and Kayenta Law Enforcement Battle Drugs and Alcohol in Community

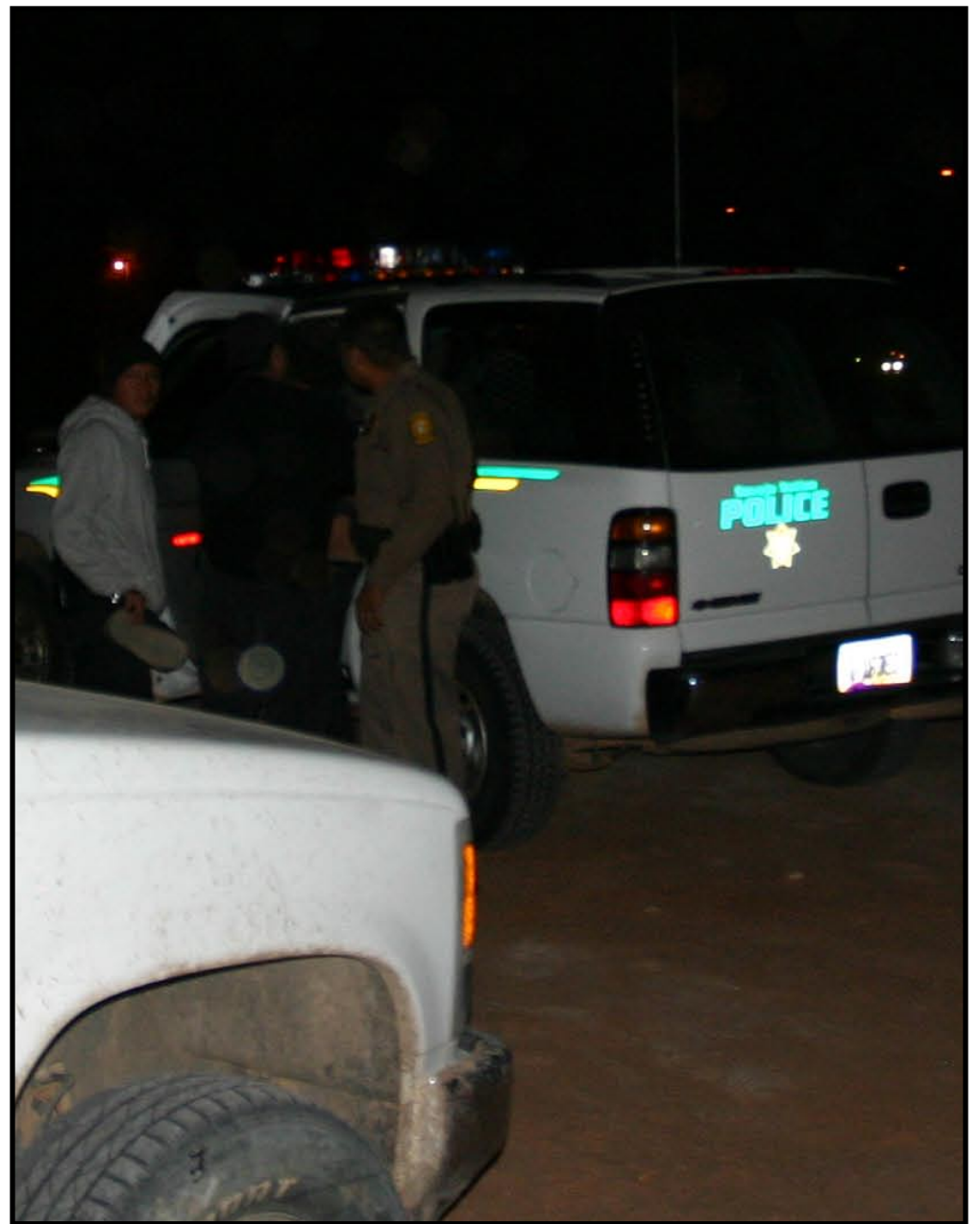
On December 12, 2005, the Kayenta Township met with the Kayenta Police Department and Kayenta Chapter to discuss the drug and alcohol problem in the community. Last week the Township received a letter from Kayenta Chapter requesting help from the Township to help combat the drug and alcohol situation within the community.

The Kayenta Police Department informed Township and Chapter officials at the meeting that the police department has been working together diligently with the Kayenta Criminal Investigation Department to help remedy the bootlegging and drug dealing that goes on in the community.

“We are very aware of this problem in the community and the outlying areas of Kayenta, we are working very hard on it. We try to hit (bust) these bootleggers as much as we can” said Lieutenant Thinn.

During the meeting, some mentioned legalizing alcohol and decriminalized public intoxication. Legal sales and taxing of alcohol would be limited to restaurants only and would generate revenue for the community. Concerns were brought up about this idea of legalizing alcohol. Legalizing alcohol would not remedy the bootlegging and alcohol problems in the community and would probably cause more harm than good.

The idea of legalizing alcohol sales on the Navajo Nation has been tossed around for years by many. The taxation of alcohol would generate revenue, but at what cost to our people? Some say the revenue could be invested in building rehabilitation centers for our people, but in reality, would this help the problem the Navajo people have been battling since the introduction of alcohol to our people? These were some of the issues discussed in the meeting.



The bootlegging issue posed concerns among the Kayenta Township and Chapter. The Kayenta Police Department and Criminal Investigation stated at the meeting that they are currently in the stages of identifying suspected bootleggers.

“It takes a long time to get these people and it’s hard. Most people know where bootlegging activity goes on, but are very hesitant to talk to police about the issue because they fear the possibility of retaliation from the people involved in bootlegging.” said Lieutenant Thinn. “Close family relatives and clanship relatives have always posed a problem, people don’t want to tell on their relatives for bootlegging.”

Many people turn to bootlegging as a form of income because the lack of jobs on the Navajo Nation. For many, this is their only form of income other than their monthly

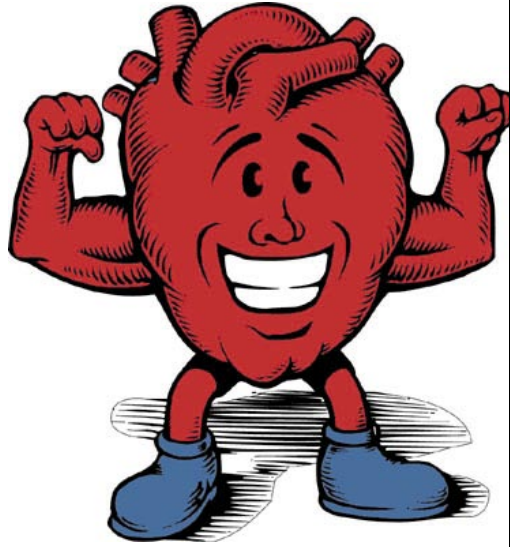
welfare check, which is usually used to purchase alcohol for illegal sale on the Navajo Nation. This has been a way of day to day life for these people for a very long time.

The implementation of more road blocks were also mentioned at the meeting and was questioned why there is not as many highway check points by Navajo Nation Police and the Department of Public Safety. Lieutenant Thinn informed attendees of the meeting that they continue to conduct road blocks.

“Unfortunately, we are not able to set up a highway check point at random any more because of peoples civil rights. We have to inform the public in advance. We no longer have the element of surprise, and bootleggers now know when and where there is a check point.” said Lieutenant Thinn.

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Healthy Heart Project



Inscription House Health Center is one of three Indian Health Service facilities to be awarded a competitive grant called the Special Diabetes Project for Indians Healthy Heart Project. The purpose is to determine if a program in the clinic to prevent cardiovascular disease in people with diabetes is helpful.

Several research studies have shown that risk of developing cardiovascular disease can be reduced by treating and controlling risk factors, such as blood pressure, cholesterol and stopping tobacco use. In 2004, Congress funded the Indian Health Service to give funding to selected Indian health programs to demonstrate the implementation of activities in Indian communities to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease in people with diabetes.

Participation in this program is to try to prevent cardiovascular disease through education, treatment of risk factors, and other prevention activities. A total of 50 people per year for 3 years will participate in the project. People who have diabetes will have the opportunity to consider joining the Healthy Heart Project.

There is no cost to participate in this project. There will be no charge for procedures required by the project. Payment will not be rendered for participation in the project. Promotional items such as t-shirts and

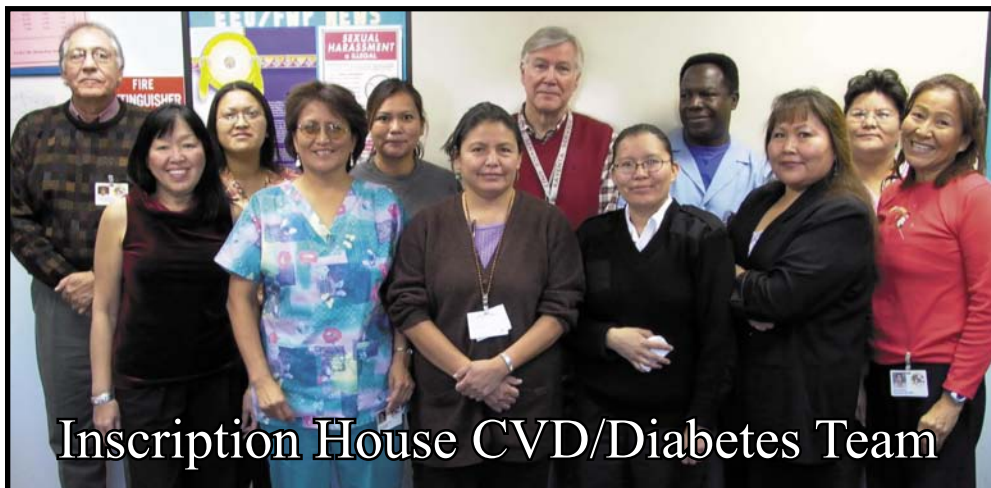
water bottles etc may be given away during the activities of the project.

Funding for this program is provided by the Indian Health Service, Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

We want to find out the impact of the activities of the program on the program participants. We want to see a continuation of the project using lessons learned and reduction of cardiovascular risk in participants, family members and others through education, coaching for life style changes, personalized exercise strategies, case management and disease management. At the end of the program the data gathered will be used to support more funding and we want to see our participants take part in investing in a better quality of life for themselves through education and interactive activities.

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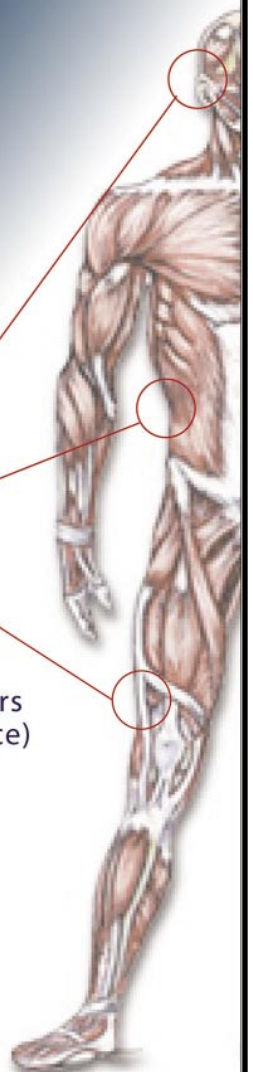
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Student transportation is a very important part of any school and is unfortunately overlooked and underappreciated by some parents, students, school officials, teachers, and community leaders. What many people don't know and understand is that a lot of hard work and dedicated individuals go into student transportation.

The Kayenta Today was given the privilege to take an in depth look into the Kayenta Unified School District Transportation Department and how a dedicated group of individuals work together to run one of the safest transportation departments in Northern Arizona.

We begin our story with Transportation Supervisor Carol Todecheene. Carol first began her career with the Kayenta Transportation Department as a bus driver, when the opportunity to apply for Transportation Supervisor came her way three years ago; she immediately applied and got the

"I knew a lot of things needed to change in order to make the department better than it was. We needed cooperation, team work, and a sense of pride in our work." said Carol. "We needed more training for our drivers and mechanics; we needed new equipment for the shop, more school buses, and district vehicles, more everything."

Although there was an extensive list of improvements that needed to be made in the department, Carol set short term and long term goals and stayed focused on the improvements that needed to be made. When asked, "What drives you to be so dedicated?"

"The kids. The kids are our first priority here. It's our job to protect them. We have the ultimate responsibility of transporting these children in the safest manner possible. Everything we do here is for the kids. That's what drives me." said Carol. "Every person in this department plays a vital role in our children's safety, from a bus driver, mechanic, parts person, and secretary. Everyone here has a job to do"

Since Carol had been appointed the position of Transportation Supervisor, the Transportation Department has been awarded the "Top Shop" award three years in row by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Every year the Arizona Department of Public Safety conducts stringent school bus inspections through out the state of Arizona.



A Department of Public Safety Officer inspects one of many school buses in the KUSD fleet.

Last year, the Kayenta Transportation Department received a 22% deficiency. Three years ago, the department received a 35% deficiency. This year the department received a 6% deficiency.

"This year only two school buses failed inspection. These were brand new buses and we had just received them from the dealer. The deficiencies that caused the buses to fail inspection were manufacturer defects and were in no way related to our maintenance program." said Carol. "The maintenance and upkeep of our school buses takes a lot of work and dedication from the mechanics, in house bus inspectors, and the bus drivers. The road conditions we have to travel on take a major toll on our buses."

The life of a school bus on the Navajo Nation is very short. It does not take long before the signs of wear and tear of everyday use on these treacherous bus routes take effect. Many of these routes may seem impassable to someone not familiar with the back country roads on the Navajo Nation, but to those of us that live here and drive these roads daily, it's normal. Although the bus routes are maintained, rain, snow, and wind can dramatically change a road in a matter of minutes, making it extremely difficult to travel on. Only a well trained, skilled, and knowledgeable bus driver will get our children safely though these roads and to their destination.

Over the past three years, the Kayenta Transportation Department has undergone a dramatic change for the better. Many of the aging school buses have been replaced, new shop equipment is now available to make the mechanics job more efficient and productive, a new and improved pre-trip inspection for school buses and district vehicles has been implemented to help alleviate vehicle downtime, much needed training is now provided to everyone in the department But most of all, it's the new sense of pride everyone has at the department.



"The kids. The kids are our first priority here. It's our job to protect them." - Carol Todecheene

"We have teams and team leaders in the department now. Each team has specific duties and they do it very well." said Carol. "They compete against each other, each team trying to out do the other team. This is team work! We never really had this before, it used to be only a few individuals that would have this type of attitude and they were never recognized for it."

This change didn't come easy, Carol had dedicated many hours of her own time on weekends and evenings to do work she didn't have time for during regular working hours. She ran into problems with individuals that had a problem with "working under" a woman.

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Carol Todecheene holds the new issue of School Bus magazine in which she is featured as "One of the Top 20 Fascinating Personalities in Student Transportation"

The Kayenta Criminal Investigation Department also stated that they are currently investigating nearly sixty suspected bootlegging establishment in and around the community of Kayenta.

Another area of discussion was the drug problem in Kayenta, primarily the methamphetamine problem. The methamphetamine problem has spread across the Navajo Nation like a wild fire over the past few years. The problem it has caused to the families and communities of the Navajo Nation is both heartbreaking and astronomical.

During the meeting, many were very concerned about how to combat this major problem.

Kayenta Township Commissioner, Eugene Badonie said, "I have been tackling this problem head on the



best way I can, which is through education." Mr. Badonie stated to attendees that more workshops and presentations need to be given to the people, both young and old, to inform them about the dangers of methamphetamine and its use.

"I helped present the documentary film "G Methamphetamine on the Navajo Nation" at Monument Valley High School a few months ago, it was very informative and helped a lot to educate the viewers about the dangers of methamphetamine." said Mr. Badonie.

Kayenta Township Public Relations Officer, Shonie De La Rosa was also in attendance at the meeting, Shonie is also owner and director of the film company Sheephead Films, he and his wife Andee directed the documentary film "G Methamphetamine

on the Navajo Nation" that Mr. Badonie presented at Monument Valley High School.

"The methamphetamine problem on the Navajo Nation is immense. Although the Navajo Nation Council recently made using or possessing methamphetamine a crime punishable by Navajo Nation Law, I really don't think this will make much of an impact on the meth problem." said Shonie.

Shonie also stated that most people know about meth now, but what they don't know is how to combat the problem. "I believe you need to target the problem at its source here on the Navajo Nation, people are selling it and the demand for it is very high." said Shonie.

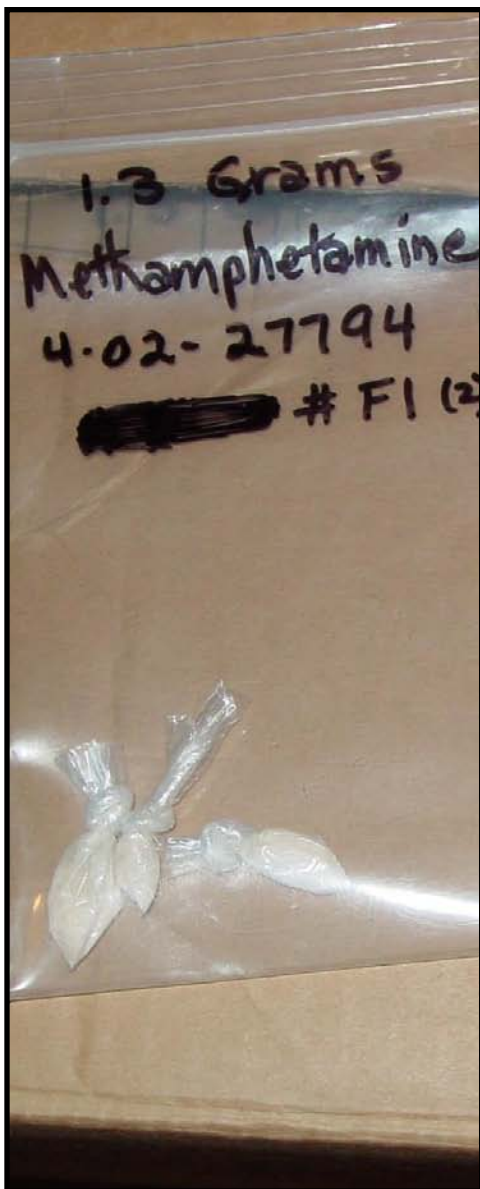
Shonie also believes that the manu

facturing of meth on the Navajo Nation is nowhere near as big as some may say. Producing methamphetamine is a time consuming process, most methamphetamine users do not have the patience to wait for it, and it's much easier and quicker to buy it.

A recent article by Sarah Fenske published in the Phoenix New Times states:

Crystal meth users, no matter how badly addicted, aren't known to spend their time boiling and filtering Tylenol Cold/Severe Congestion cool-burst caplets. There are better ways to get the drug. Cheaper ways. Even the addicts in Arizona who "cook" their own crystal meth -- and the Drug Enforcement Agency is convinced there aren't too many left, now that cheap, potent Mexican meth has flooded the market.

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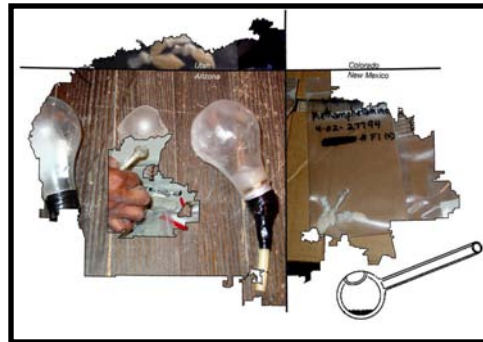
The majority of methamphetamine on the Navajo Nation comes from Phoenix and Albuquerque (most probably Mexican Meth), and is distributed through out the Navajo Nation through various dealers all over Navajo Land. Methamphetamine has attacked every single community on the Navajo Nation. "I don't believe that there is one single person on the Navajo Nation that has not felt the effect of the meth problem." said Shonie.

Lieutenant Thinn said, "Many kids today have lost their identity, they turn to television and think it's cool to try and be what they see on television. We all have lost the value of family, in today's world, we are all too busy to sit down with our kids and families and guide them. We need to go back to these values in order to combat the drug and alcohol problems."

Another suggestion to combat the problem of bootlegging and drug dealing in Kayenta was given by Shonie De La Rosa. He suggested that the community enact a "Three Strikes and You are Out" ordinance. An individual(s) caught bootlegging or drug dealing would have to pay a fine and attend a counseling and job training program for their first offense. A Second offense would result in mandatory inpatient rehabilitation and job training. A third offense would result in mandatory jail time and loss of their home site lease.

Shonie believes that this ordinance may seem cold hearted to some, but also believes that it would send a good clear message to individuals that violate the law. He also stated that this would also make individuals think twice before they consider bootlegging or drug dealing in Kayenta.

Reaction to his suggestion to the drug and alcohol problem in Kayenta did not generate much conversation



"We need to continue to educate our people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and we need to educate our community."

- Eugene Badonie



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from attendees of the meeting, but lead to many other ideas such as a Crime Stopper program and Neighborhood Watch program that was suggested by Harry Sombrero of the Kayenta Criminal Investigation Department.

Mr. Eugene Badonie finished off the meeting by stating, "We need to continue to educate our people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and we need to educate our community."

The Kayenta Township, Chapter and Law Enforcement officials of Kayenta realize the drug and alcohol problem in the community needs to be addressed. They realize this is something that can not be ignored and are dedicated to combating the problem head on. The Township, Chapter and Law Enforcement officials of Kayenta will continue to meet on a regular basis until they come up with a solution for these problems.

For more information, please contact the Kayenta Township at (928) 697-8451

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"I was told by a former employee here, that a Navajo woman's place is at home and that in Navajo way, a Navajo man is not supposed to do what a woman tells him to do at his place of employment. Even if she is the boss," said Carol. "That was a long time ago and I no longer have that problem. I have and always will treat people with respect."

The Kayenta Today attended a recent Team Meeting at the Kayenta Transportation Department, at the meeting a Team Leader and also Head Mechanic Steve Poorman addressed other Team Leaders about the upcoming annual Department of Public Safety Bus Inspection. "We are shooting for the "Top Shop" award for the fourth time, we all need to pull together and work as a team to accomplish this." Through hard work, team work and dedication, the Kayenta Transportation Department is the only school district on the Navajo Nation to receive this prestigious award.

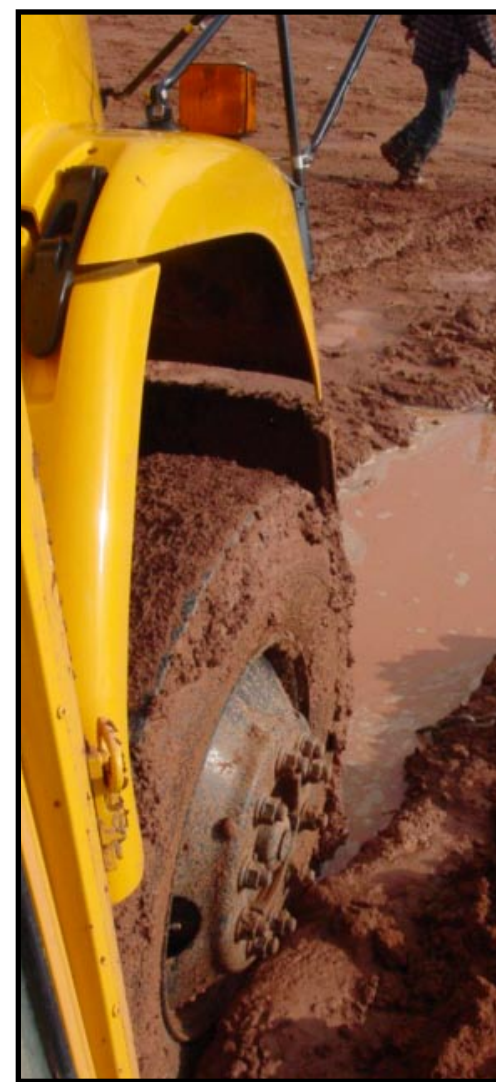
During Team meetings, all agenda items are openly discussed among the staff and are open to all suggestions and comments. "The decisions we make here affect every aspect of the day to day operation of this department," said Carol.

The mechanics of the department play a vital role in the maintenance and repair of district school buses, vehicles and heavy equipment. With out the professional skills of these outstanding individuals, the department would cease to operate.

Raymond Fatt, a certified diesel technician has been working for the department for over seven years. "It seems like only yesterday that I began to work here, a lot has changed since then," said Raymond. He recalled when he first started working at the Transportation department that most of the district school busses were old and in need of replacement. Since then, all school buses have been replaced.

"I really enjoy working here. At times it's like a rollercoaster, but we all pull together. It's all about team work, to work as one," said Raymond.

Salary off the Navajo Nation for a certified diesel technician such as Raymond is much more than what he makes currently. This also applies for nearly every member of the Transportation Department which includes bus drivers, mechanic helpers, as well as the transportation supervisor.



Many of these routes may seem impassable to someone not familiar with the back country roads on the Navajo Nation, but to those of us that live here and drive these roads daily, it's normal.

- Carol Todecheene

Transportation departments off the Navajo Nation have better wages, benefits, and union representation, which is denied to these hard working individuals on the Navajo Nation. Off Reservation transportation departments do not have to endure the type of extreme working conditions such as weather, road conditions, and the isolation that transportation departments on the Navajo Nation have to face everyday. Many believe this is unfair because public schools on the Navajo Nation should be paying employees the equivalent of what non-reservation public school pay their employees, if not more.

"Even though the pay is not what other schools pay off the Rez, jobs are hard to come by on the Rez, and you just have to take what you get. Besides, I need the benefits such as insurance and retirement. I'm a single parent and have to provide for my kids. With that aside, I really enjoy it here, it's like my second family. Everyone here gets along really well, we like to tease each other clan wise and just have fun," said Raymond.

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Despite the low pay, working condition, and long hours, the Transportation staff has one common goal. The safety of the children they are responsible for. It is this common goal that keeps them going day in and day out.

Ernest Poorman, a bus driver and mechanic helper from Red Point Flats has been working with the department for over eight-teen years. He has seen many things change at the department over the years.



Head Mechanic Steve Poorman shows KUSD students parts that get replaced on school buses.



Bus driver and mechanic helper Ernest Poorman explains to KUSD students the importance of regular school bus maintenance.



The Kayenta Transportation staff pose for a picture with the infamous "Mustang Bus"



KUSD students enjoy a tour of the Kayenta Transportation Department.

"Things here have changed for the better, we all realize our main goal is the safety of the kids. We all play a vital part in this goal. When we were awarded the "Top Shop" award, I really didn't think it was all that big of a deal. I thought it was just some small thing, but it wasn't until I saw a newspaper article about us in a Tucson newspaper that made me realize how important this award is. After being awarded the "Top Shop" award three times now, I now realize it is something to be very proud about." said Ernest.



Kayenta's Transportation staff receive training in basic e-mail use to the latest training available for automotive and diesel technology.



"We all realize our main goal is the safety of the kids. We all play a vital part in this goal."

- Ernest Poorman

These incredible people are the first to see and greet our children and the last to see them at the end of the day.



Mechanic Roger James and Head Mechanic Steve Poorman return from a repair job on a bus in the field.

Although many of us may over look these hard working dedicated individuals, it is they that go that extra mile to make sure our children are safe. These incredible people are the first to see and greet our children and the last to see them at the end of the day. So, the next time you see anyone of these dedicated people, shake their hand and let them know that they are appreciated and valued members of our communities.

Navajo Nation Chief Justice Meets With Kayenta Township

On December 12, 2005 Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation, Herb Yazzie met with Kayenta Township Officials and Kayenta Chapter Representatives about the Kayenta Master Lease and Land Use Plan at the Kayenta Town Hall.

Herb Yazzie described the Master Lease as a mechanism to determine how the Kayenta Township will work with the Navajo Nation and the Federal Government to lease land with in the Kayenta Township boundary. Currently the Township and Chapter still have to work with the Navajo Nation and the BIA even though the community of Kayenta is a self governing township.

The Master Lease is to help relieve the current bureaucratic red tape that is involved with any lease request by an individual or business to the Navajo Nation today. "Others have talked about this idea of a Master Lease, but there are practical details you have to deal with such as the leasing process and corporate entities." said Herb Yazzie.

Mr. Yazzie also had concerns about Kayenta Chapter certification. Once a Chapter becomes certified, the Chapter is authorized to issue leases with in its Chapter boundaries. Herb Yazzie said, "How will this impact the Kayenta Township?"

"How will the Township and Chapter share in its revenues? The Kayenta Chapter and Kayenta Township must talk about this." said Herb Yazzie.

Mr. Yazzie also went on to state that the Navajo Nation has been working hard to change Navajo Nation laws as well as Federal laws to help make it easier to obtain a lease on the Navajo Nation.

Bureaucratic red tape has always hindered potential business growth on the Navajo Nation for years. This red tape discourages many and in turn redirects a potential business to non Native lands. Unfortunately, this results in the loss of much needed jobs and economic growth the Navajo people have been yearning for, for many years.

If the community of Kayenta has the Kayenta Township, Kayenta Chapter, and KEDCO in charge of approving leases, this only creates another bureaucracy. "A decision needs to be made, who will have the ultimate authority to issue and sign leases?" said Herb Yazzie.

Mr. Yazzie said, "A political decision needs to be made stating that the Navajo Nation and the BIA will accept the status of the Kayenta Township as "Home Rule" and recognize the Townships full authority. Currently the BIA will only recognize the signature of the Navajo Nation President and not the Townships status of "Home Rule"."

The Kayenta Township submitted the Master Lease Plan to the BIA many months ago. The BIA rejected it and informed the Township that the Master Lease needed the approval of the Navajo Nation Council. The Township then submitted the Master Lease Plan to the Navajo Nation Council and in turn the Council informed the Township that the Master Lease Plan did not need the approval of the Council. Since then, the Master Lease Plan has been approved and signed by Navajo Nation President, Joe Shirley Jr. and submitted to Washington by former Town Manager, Gary Nelson. To this day there has been no response from Washington on the Master Lease Plan.



Kayenta Township Commissioners L-R: Richard Mike, Charles Young, Jimmy Austin II, Eugene Badonie, and Anthony Peterman.



Navajo Nation Chief Justice, Herb Yazzie



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HARASSED BY GANG TASK FORCE, PARENTS DEMAND EXPLANATION & APOLOGY

Flagstaff, AZ – On Thursday December 8th, members of Youth of the Peaks, concerned parents, and community leaders demanded an apology from the Flagstaff Police Department and the administration of Coconino High School for intimidating and harassing young women involved with the Youth of the Peaks, an organization committed to protecting culture, community, spirituality, and the environment here in the Southwest.

On Wednesday, December 7th at Coconino High School, while preparing for lunchtime rehearsal for an upcoming play, members of the

“Youth of the Peaks” witnessed several Gang Task Force Officers tearing down flyers for a series of events that the new youth group had been planning for months. The next day, the administration cancelled the screening for “The Snowbowl Effect” that was earlier permitted by the administration and played in the school last year.

The youth group believe this seemed to be in direct response to the Youth of the Peaks vigil that brought nearly 200 youth the night before where Flagstaff Law Enforcement filmed the people involved with the vigil.



“The officers saw that we had flyers in our hands and started questioning us, they also said that we couldn’t put flyers up because they were causing political problems.” said Shelby Rae of the Youth of the Peaks, “We showed them that we had permission from the school administration but they still told us that we couldn’t put up flyers and then they made us go with them to the principals office.”

The officers then took the flyers, confiscated them and escorted the young women to meet with the principal.

They took Alberta Nells (15), Jinelle (14) Lomatewama, and Teara Jean (14), three young indigenous women into the office without parental guardians present. Regardless of officers saying they were not attempting to intimidate these young women, the situation seemed hostile, and completely inappropriate to put these young women through.

“They told us we weren’t in trouble but I felt intimidated and scarred, I was crying.” said Shelby Rae 14 year

old Coconino High School student, “We didn’t do anything wrong, all I am doing is trying to stand up for my community.”

Requests were later made to the Gang Task Force to retrieve the flyers but was denied as they were now considered “evidence”.

“Who is responsible for this outright harassment of these youth?” said Shonto Begay, guardian of a Youth of the Peaks member Justin John. “This is not an appropriate action to take during school hours. At the least the administration and responsible law enforcement officers should apologize for intimidating these students who are not criminals or involved in gang activity and should not be treated as such. These youth are actually trying to do something positive for our culture and environment.”

“We will move forward with our faith our spirit and our love, not with fear.” said Alberta Nells declaring that this will not stop their efforts to protect the San Francisco Peaks.



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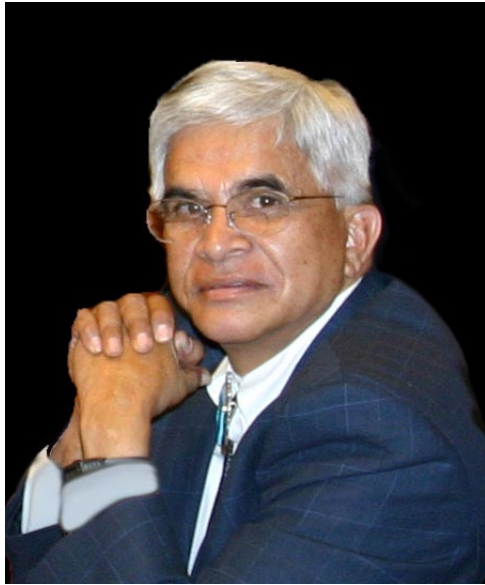


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Barriers to Navajoland Business Development

By Richard Mike

**Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kayenta Township*



Recently, there have been three magazines with stories on business barriers on the reservation. We decided to ask our own local businessman Richard Mike for his opinion on the barriers to business development. Richard Mike is a member of the Kayenta Township Commission. He is of the Bitterwater clan born for Big Water originally from Monument Valley and the owner of four Burger King restaurants and the Hampton Inn hotel of Kayenta. When he said, “the problems are too big and I might insult some people”, we told him, “Do it anyway”. Then he said, “Business development problems are boring for most, who’d want to read such an article?” We told him, “You’re in business, we always hear from the guys who aren’t in business”. Finally he said, “What if my answers to the barriers for business development are too long?” We said, “We’ll put them into two or even three articles”. He then capitulated. By the way, we also told him to use regular language and try not to impress us. The following is Richard Mike’s personal opinion on the Barriers to Business Development on Navajoland.

Why small businesses are important

First of all, people need to know why businesses are so important. Small businesses pay for most of the taxes in this country. I pay taxes and so does my business partner Nina Heflin. In addition, all my Burger King personnel pay their payroll taxes but all of our payroll taxes combined are small compared to what each Burger

King restaurant pays to the Federal and Navajo Nation governments. Of course, tribal employees pay Federal income taxes but not their employers. NTUA, BIA, IHS, the Navajo Tribe, and the Public Schools for example, these institutions don’t pay taxes. They are the recipients of taxes such as welfare, the war on Iraq, foreign aid, etc. Yet, because of the number of small businesses in Flagstaff, Arizona, they collect more taxes in one single town than all of the taxes collected by the entire Navajo Nation. In Flagstaff, they have a large jail, detention center, airport, groomed cemetery, city parks, a library, and a host of many other services.

Small businesses are also important because they provide a product or service. Flagstaff has hospice, a hospital, a university, Kinko’s, title companies, big box stores and shops. Small businesses also provide most of the jobs in America. A general break-down of jobs in America would be: Small businesses – 90%, Farms – 5%, Large Corporations – 5%.

Our Tribal Council has become the new BIA (Boss Indians Around)

A year from now, we’re all going to hear various tribal politicians running for the Presidency of the Navajo Nation. All of them will be chanting the same old mantra we hear every four years – “It’s time for a change”! But nothing will change unless one of these candidates actually allows for a small-business council and more local government. There are three large blockages to business development on Navajoland. The largest of all these problems is our leadership. Our Navajo Nation government personnel are no different than anyone else here in America and they are probably a lot smarter than the average person. Yet they and we have copied the dictates of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Now, we are the BIA and it’s going to take just as much energy to whittle down the Tribal bureaucracy as it did the BIA. All bureaucracies die hard!



A view of the old Window Rock Lodge and Cafe, the recreation Center can be seen to the right of the Lodge. 15 tribal homes have been constructed. Photo- Navajo Nation Museum 1953

The BIA created the Navajo Nation Council and the BIA has always assumed that economic development could take place solely by allocating money resources for certain projects. This assumption is as wrong as the opposite one, that people should start their development without assistance and promotion by the government. Development cannot be made by the government because real development happens in the minds of people. It happens by them and with them.

An Entrenched Navajo Bureaucracy

Show me a country where only the government created it’s own economic system and I’ll show you Peru, the Philippines, Egypt, Haiti, North Korea, East Germany, and the Navajo Nation. Our Navajo bureaucracy has a class bias and it tends to have a stratification of its own; it’s upper crust (Attorneys, Project Directors, Division Directors, even

NHA and NTUA top management) function as a privileged class with housing and even a tribal vehicle provided. An expensive college education is mandatory in the stiff tests prescribed for entry into its higher echelons. Middle and lower positions attract the less privileged. Over time, this Navajo bureaucracy has come to have distinct vested interests, and is sensitive to all threats to its position and privilege which it guards jealously against encroachment from any quarter. In several ways, it is alienated from the Navajo people it is intended to serve. In the day-to-day tribal administrative functions, the bureaucratic machine enjoys considerable freedom from interference. Thus, there are few hindrances to its exercise of power. It is very paternalistic and the Navajo people for their part, accept the tribal positions and look to the tribal administration for a wide variety of small favors.

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BIA Headquarters, Window Rock, AZ. Photo-Navajo Nation Museum 1940

Daniel Peaches Selected as Kayenta's New Town Manager

On January 9, 2006 Mr. Daniel Peaches was officially appointed the position of Kayenta Town Manager by the Kayenta Township Commission. Mr. Peaches comes from an impressive background of leadership in both Tribal and State governments to name a few. The Kayenta Today had the opportunity to sit down with Mr. Peaches to get an insight on his experiences in government, leadership, and his visions for the community of Kayenta.

Mr. Daniel Peaches was born four miles west of Kayenta near Diversion Dam. He is of the Bitter Water clan, and born for the Manygoats/Redhouse clans. He began school at the Kayenta BIA School and then transferred to the Intermountain school in Brigham City, Utah on a five year program.

Mr. Peaches spent four years in Brigham City before he left to Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma; he spent three years in Oklahoma before transferring to the Window Rock Public school in Window Rock, Arizona. After spending one year in Window Rock, Mr. Peaches transferred to Tuba City High School where he graduated in 1962.

After graduating high school, Daniel Peaches enrolled at Northern Arizona University in January 1963 and graduated in 1967. After graduating from NAU he became a graduate student at the University of New Mexico in 1968 and 1969 where he studied Indian Law. Through his college days, Mr. Peaches never looked up to non-Indians, he saw them struggling like everyone else.

In the summer of 1969, Mr. Peaches enrolled at the American University as a congressional intern. While he served as a summer student at the congressional office, he met Paul Rosenblatt who at the time was Chief of Staff in Congressman Sam Steigers office. Mr. Paul Rosenblatt recently made headlines as the judge in the controversial Arizona Snowbowl case who ruled in favor of snowmaking on the San Francisco Peaks which is sacred to many Native Americans in Arizona.

In 1970, Mr. Peaches was employed with the ONEO Central Office in Window Rock, Arizona as the Public Relations Officer when Peter Mac Donald was Executive Director. When Peter Mac Donald won the seat as Chairman for the Navajo Nation by defeating Raymond Nakai,



Daniel Peaches with Congressman Sam Steiger and staff in Washington. Summer 1969. R-L Congressman Sam Steiger, Paul Rosenblatt, and Daiel Peaches.



"The people must be shown that the concept of a city government is within their reach, that local autonomy is the heart of a true democracy, the ideas of liberty and opportunities."

- Daniel Peaches
Kayenta Town Manager

earth type of person; he never acted as if he was higher than others."

1974 was a busy year for Mr. Peaches, Peter Mac Donald won a second term as the Navajo Nation Chairman, and Mr. Peaches was elected to the Arizona State Legislature. It was there in the Arizona State Legislature that Mr. Peaches would spend the next fourteen years of public service to the citizens of Arizona.

During his time in the Legislature Mr. Peaches noted that he dealt with doctors, lawyers, and business people daily and he never treated them any different than he wanted to be treated.

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Mr. Peaches enrolled back in school to earn his Master Degree in Public Administration.

That fall Mr. Peter Mac Donald paid Mr. Peaches an unexpected visit in his Dormitory.

"What are you doing here? We have work to do in Window Rock", said Mr. Peter Mac Donald. It was at that unannounced meeting in his Dormitory that Mr. Daniel Peaches was hired as the Director of Public Information for the Mac Donald Administration.

Mr. Peaches went on to say, "In 1971, Governor Jack Williams appointed me to serve on the Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs. I thoroughly enjoyed my work as Chairman of the Commission. Governor Jack Williams was a down to

Elder Appreciation Day

By Dana Lee

The old Boys & Girls Building was usually reserved for children, but on November 23, 2005, it seemed that the grandparents wanted to make use of the building also.

Monument Valley High School National Honor Society, Indigenous Advocacy Inc., Kayenta Senior Center, and the Kayenta Service Unit Elder's Task Force hosted the 6th annual "Honoring Our Elders' Day", an event recognizing the accomplishments of our elders, healthcare, comedy, and the joy of being together.

Donation letters went out to local and outside businesses, churches, schools, teachers, administrators, local governments, Indian Health Services, and various individuals. These organizations really came through for the elders!

Pre-selected members of the Kayenta elder community received 130 donated packages containing food, hygiene products, blankets, and clothes. A total of fifty-one quilts were also miraculously made by the First Ward of LDS Relief Society.

Although some elders were pre-selected to receive the parcels, it did not sway the community to join; there was nothing like free stew being given out on a cold day.

Among the presentations, Kayenta Public Health Nurses provided flu shots, the Senior Citizen Center had a turkey dinner, and the First Nations Development Institute generously made mutton stew, frybread, tortillas, and refreshments.

When committee members spoke with elders afterwards who attended the celebration, they were amazed by the number of people who attended very proud to see how many people are involved. This event also represented a reunion with several elders who had rarely seen each other. In short, the event was a success.

"Honoring Our Elders" committee representatives said, "We are grateful for your kindness and inspiration to honor our elders of Kayenta and we are blessed to have you as a neighbor and partner."

A special thank you to the following: Kayenta Trading Post, Ferrell Gas, First Baptist Church, Northland Pioneer College, National Relief Charity Organization, First Nations Development Institute, Northern Arizona Food Bank, Cortez Milling Company, Ute Mountain Ute Casino, Davita Inc., Kayenta Education Association, Catholic Church, Hampton Inn, Amigo Café, Blue Coffee Pot, Navajo Western True Value, Kayenta Chapter House, Social Services, LDS Church, New Frontier, Kayenta Township, Conoco, Best Western Wetherill Inn, Holiday Inn, Indian Health Service Employees, Kayenta Bashas, 7 to 11 Food Store #25, Wells Fargo Bank, Fina, NTUA, KPS Girls Scouts, 2005 Miss MVHS, KIS Principal-Gillian Vormitagg, KIS Assistant Principal-Laverne Bradley, MVHS Principal-Blane Baker, KMS Assistant Principal-Pam Chihak, Andrew & Betty Bradley, Max & Jackie Benally, Betty Redhair, and Marty Gilmore all contributed to the 6th Annual "Honoring our Elders."



Shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soap provided by National Relief Charities were given to the Elder Health Care Fair Participants.



Gladys Luna-Vice President of the Senior Council acknowledges the donors who made it possible to honor the Elders with food boxes.



Elder's enjoy the luncheon provided by the Kayenta Senior Citizen Center and First Nations Development Institute.



Sheila Mathews, I.H.S. Social worker and Monument Valley High School National Honor Society serve lunch to all the elders.



"They worry about their families, children, and their livelihood just like the rest of us. A Navajo medicine man was my mentor for well over twenty years. He taught me to be equal to any human being and not to look down on them or feel beholden to them. We all share this world and need each other." said Mr. Peaches.

Also that year, United States President, Richard Nixon appointed Daniel Peaches to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education where he spent three years as Chairman. "I was able to travel across the country and visited many other Native communities to see how Title IV of Indian Education was being implemented, and I made many new friends in Indian Education." said Mr. Peaches.

Mr. Peaches went on to say, "Over the years when I visited with many Native communities and their leaders, I noticed with some of them I would sense an attitude and a feeling of being lower than other people, and this really bothered me."

In January 1985, Mr. Peaches would move on to work for Leupp School as an Entrepreneurial Coordinator. He began many money making projects with seventh and eighth grade students during his employment with Leupp School.

In June 1988, Mr. Peaches received yet another unexpected calling from Mr. Peter Mac Donald and was appointed to the Board of Regents for then Navajo Community College; he was also hired as Deputy Legislative Director with Senator Henderson as his supervisor.

In one of the darkest years of Navajo government, Navajo Nation Chairman, Mr. Peter Mac Donald was accused of taking bribes and was suspended. He was later removed from office as Navajo Nation Chairman. "It was a very sad day for me." recalled Mr. Peaches. "I continued to work as Deputy Director in the Ethics Office for two more years and then decided to go back home to Kayenta."

After returning to his home town of



Posing with Congressman Gerald Ford who was minority leader of the U.S. Congress and future President of the United States when Richard Nixon resigned in August 1974.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1976

Dear Mr. Peaches:

I welcome this opportunity to express my personal gratitude for your dedicated service as a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Our Nation and this Administration have benefitted greatly from your many contributions which also truly have earned you the deep respect of your colleagues. Your abundant experience and many insights have been of great value to the work of the Council and to the American people.

You may be sure that you take with you my appreciation and very best wishes for every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Peaches
Post Office Box 784
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

A letter of appreciation from President Gerald Ford to Daniel Peaches for his efforts while serving on the National Advisory Council to Indian Education.

Kayenta, Mr. Peaches worked on his ranch on Black Mesa for two and a half years before deciding to apply for Chapter Coordinator at Chilchinbeto Chapter in 1994. He continued work at the Chilchinbeto Chapter until 1999 when he was elected to the Navajo Nation Council. "Tribal Leadership was still rudderless." said Mr. Peaches. "I sponsored several legislations, including the concept of performance based budgeting."

In 2003, Mr. Peaches would once again return to his ranch on Black Mesa where he would enjoy a lot of his free time reading. While back on his ranch on Black Mesa, he spent the next six months as the Community Liaison for the Black Mesa Review. "For some strange reason I was never put on the tribal payroll for the position." said Mr. Peaches. "But along came the position for Kayenta Town Manager for the Kayenta Township, I applied for the position and was selected."

The Kayenta Township had been seeking a qualified individual to fill the position for a number of months

after the dismissal of former Town Manager, Gary Nelson in 2005. The Township received applications from eight people, and on January 9, 2006 the Kayenta Township Commission selected Mr. Daniel Peaches as the new Town Manager.

"I am very happy to have this opportunity to work in my own community and not somewhere else. The Kayenta Township offers a great opportunity for Indian self-government at the local level, which is modeled after city government. It is the next step in Indian self-determination and Indian self-sufficiency. I want to see it succeed." said Mr. Peaches.

His vision for Kayenta is based on a vision he expressed in a letter to the Navajo Times in 1962. "I still have a copy of that letter, but it's worn and faded now." said Mr. Peaches. In the letter, Mr. Peaches wrote, "Kayenta, long known as an isolated and remote community is coming out of its shell and will join the twentieth century society soon, with a new paved highway and a new sense of optimism."

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Unemployment

The Gallup Independent cites in a December 16th, article, "Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., expressed serious displeasure to the Deputy Regional Director of the Navajo Region BIA ...to identify funds to make \$1.5 million funding transfer for Navajo social services programs. ...These programs include direct assistance payments to more than 4,000 Navajo households with almost 19,000 Navajo beneficiaries". And how does a bureaucracy solve the unemployment dilemma as opposed to an ordinary human creature? The Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council (EDC) immediately expands their Regional Business Development Offices (RBDO). The EDC also sees the need to write more proposals. To any ordinary human being, being out of work is hard on people. Studies show that problems like suicides, teen pregnancy, alcoholism, child abuse, drugs, is tied to unemployment. Unemployment means that our economy is not functioning, (There is no economy). Putting more people to work increases output and growth for a town, city, state, or nation. In my Burger King restaurants, my turn-over rate is something like 400% per annum. I'm always crying about the high incidence of absenteeism, labor turn-over, damage to equipment, indiscipline, poor performance, and other evidence of a people who have lost their work ethic. My cries can't penetrate the Tribal bureaucracy anymore than your cries can. US Senator John McCain already told the Navajo Nation Council on January 18, 1969 that,

"The inbred tendency of any government bureaucracy, whether it be the BIA, or a tribal copycat (NN Council) of the BIA, is to make arbitrary decisions that suffocate ongoing businesses and block the startup of new ones".

Poverty

No serious thought is given to the fact that it might be possible that both economic circumstance (trust land status) and economic motivation might be fundamentally different in the third world government of Navajoland from such circumstances and motivation of the non-reservation America. In particular, the normal tendency of the typical American could be to expand output and income. And the assurance of the resulting reward would then affect aspiration – incentives. If one has some certainty of getting more, it will be worth trying to get more. In our third world government by contrast, the tendency could be an equilibrium of poverty. An increase in income could set in motion the forces that would eliminate the increase and restore the previous level of deprivation. Motivation is subject to conditioning by culture. If forces, great or overwhelming act to inhibit or exclude economic development, will not people abandon the struggle?

The tendency of Americans is to increase income; the tendency of the Navajo Nation is an equilibrium of poverty. And in each, there is accommodation, in the one case to the fact of improvement, in the other to the hopelessness of the prospect.



Difference between bureaucracy and entrepreneurship attitudes

There is a huge difference between bureaucratic and entrepreneurial decision making. For example, on a hypothetical question like – what are the main issues in creating a Navajo economy? The bureaucrat or EDC's answer creates its own obstacles because their questions are fused and imposed by other bureaucrats. Questions like: What do we do with the non-Indian? Will we lose our traditional values? Taxing our own gives us the opportunity to make decisions for ourselves rather than depending on others all the time. Our resources are poor, the people are urbanizing and the political leadership will always foil chances of private companies coming to the reservation. The people are not ready. All tribal program funds should be doubled to meet the needs of the people. All over the reservation you see poverty, ill health, malnutrition, drugs, unemployment, bootleggers, drunkenness, idleness. Window Rock is a central government, they don't give a damn about the rest of us. Assimilation and acculturation of the Navajo people in the US is inevitable.

The concerns for business people or entrepreneurs are however, totally different. Business people are concerned first about their rights to leased property, profits, the rule of law, and competition.

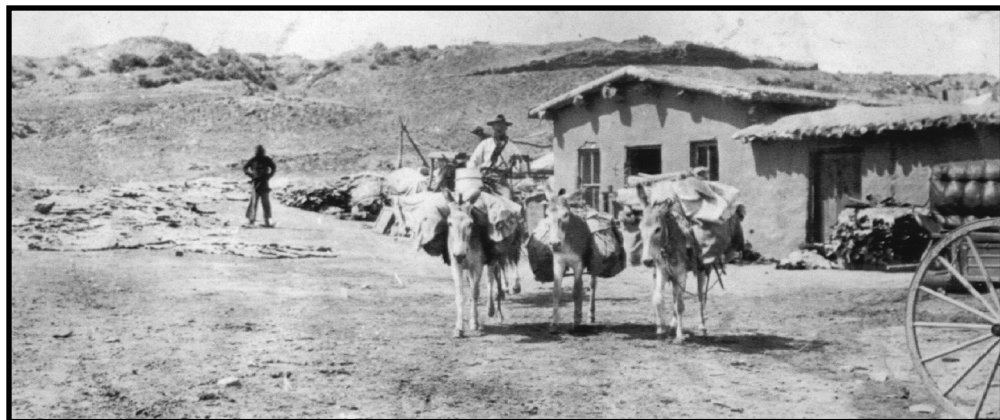
The first of our largest barriers to business development is that our Navajo Nation Council is insulated from the people they serve and has turned into the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In the meantime, the crime rate will continue to escalate, unemployment will continue to increase, and the Navajo Nation Council will continue to deny its people the means for improvement therefore our talented have a "push" factor to leave the reservation for greater economic opportunities elsewhere. Our talented have already left the reservation. There are approximately 135,000 Navajos living off the reservation and 165,000 on the reservation.

Will our Tribe change?

If there is ever going to be real economic development, then it's going to be you and I who'll finally create it. We'll start real economic development when we're finally fed up with living on our knees or the US government tells our tribal government, "We're tired of feeding you Indians". Really, how long do you think the US government intends to clothe and feed us? 50 more years? 100 years? 200 years? All the EDC talks about is the US governments "trust" responsibilities and our "sovereignty". Is it better to have these two sacred cows – "trust" and "sovereignty" verses no economy? I just as soon have our Council eliminate Sovereignty Day, Columbus Day, and Treaty Day and make them work those days like the rest of us. Still, the bottom line is that we have allowed these councilmen and their tribal attorney's to make more BIA (Boss Indians Around) rules so we are to blame. I want to emphasize that - we are to blame. Several Navajo Presidents in the past have asked me if I would be on their busi-

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Above: 1915-John Wetherill headed for an expedition. Photo is off the original Kayenta Trading Post. Photo Harvey Leake.

Top Right: BIA Boarding School about 1948. Notice the broken bed has no mattress and the wooden bench has been made into a make shift bed. These were the conditions of schools on the Navajo Nation during these times. Photo-Navajo Nation Museum

"I was excited then, just as I am excited now. I want to empower the people, the staff, the community members, and the leaders of Kayenta. This is my vision." said Mr. Peaches.

Mr. Peaches went on to state that the most important thing in our community is our people, their aspirations, their hopes, and dreams. "I would like the young people of this community to become successful, such as Dr. Greyeyes who became a medical doctor some years ago, or Dr. Tommy Yazzie, Engineer, Kee Yazzie, or Lt. Colonel LaDaiel Dayzie. Our youth have great potentials." said Mr. Peaches.

When asked what his first priority is for the Kayenta Township as the new

Town Manager is, he stated that the credibility in the Township needs to be restored, as well as the concept and the potential of the Kayenta Township. "The people must be shown that the concept of a city government is within their reach, that local autonomy is the heart of a true democracy, the ideas of liberty and opportunities." said Mr. Peaches.

Mr. Peaches stated that to improve the Kayenta Townships working relationships with other forms of government, the BIA, Navajo Tribe, County, and State governments must share our dreams and hopes of becoming a successful community. "We must show the way." said Mr. Peaches.

Social issues such as drugs and alco



Studying Indian Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Photo-1968-69.

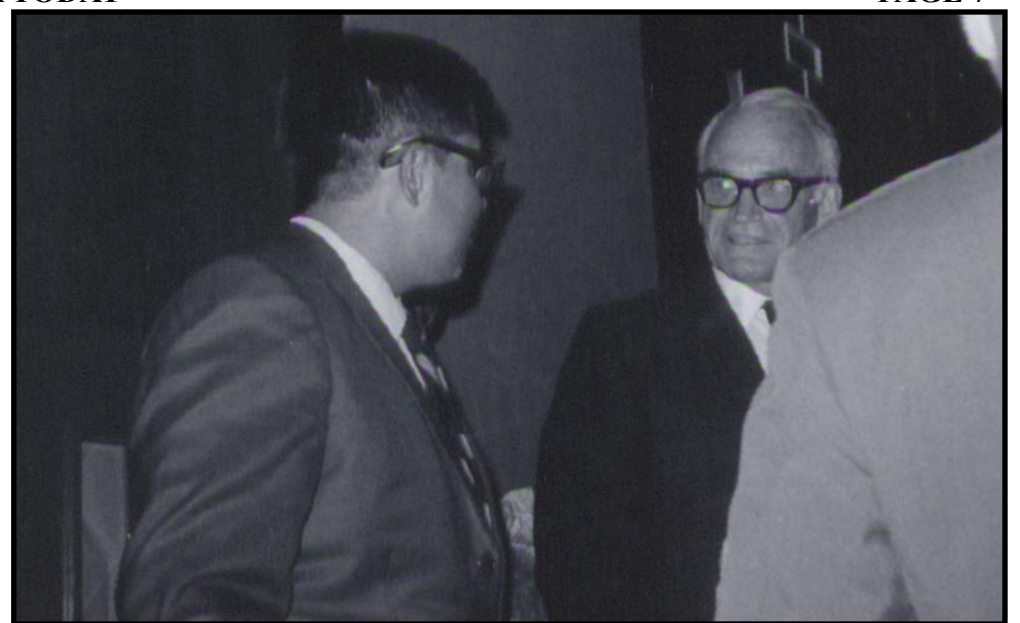


"When in Washington, always have a camera handy."

-Daniel Peaches



Senator Goldwater signing autographs on a book about him. Photo was taken at White Mesa near Kaibeto in mArch 1988 on the dedication of Margaret Arch in honor of the late Margaret "Peggy" Goldwater. Also on this occassion, Goldwater and Peter Mac Donald buried their political hatches.



Daniel Peaches with Senator Goldwater in Flagstaff, Arizona.



With Senator Goldwater once again and his receptionist, Yazzie Leonard who was once a Kayenta Township Commissioner. Photo-Summer 1969

hol have always been a concern to the community of Kayenta. Mr. Peaches recently talked with Captain Sombreo of the Criminal Investigation Department in Kayenta about the drug and alcohol problems in our community. "We have to stop the drug trafficking in our community, we also need a rehabilitation facility in our community." said Mr. Peaches.

Mr. Peaches plans on visiting schools in Kayenta to speak with school officials about the drug and alcohol problem in the community, Mr. Peaches also stated that Social Service personnel need support from the community in order for them to provide much needed services to the community. "With out our support, they burn-out quickly." said Mr. Peaches.

The lack of economic development in Kayenta has been sparse in recent

years, attracting new business and jobs to Kayenta has always been tough. When asked how he would deal with the problem, Mr. Peaches said, "We must develop a better business climate, and it starts with a fair and equitable leasing policy. We must beautify our community with better care and better images. It is everyone's responsibility to make the traveling public feel safe and welcomed."

The Kayenta Master Lease has always been a concern for many local businesses and potential future business entrepreneurs. Mr. Peaches stated that the sooner the Kayenta Master Lease is enacted, the better. "As long as we have good leasing policies, new businesses would not hesitate to come to our community. With support from every sector of our community, Kayenta can be a model town to other communities in five years." said Mr. Peaches.

KAYENTA TOWNSHIP HOSTS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



For 13 years, Florence Cohn of Claremont, California passed through Kayenta and one day decided to arrange for Kayenta to be a site for her Christmas festivities. Upon arriving to the Kayenta area, she and other volunteers worked together to organize a Christmas event no one would forget.

About 150 to 200 children and their parents arrived at Kayenta Township to receive gifts and clothing on December 20, 2005. Gifts included books, toys, games, stuffed animals, puzzles, coloring books, and bikes that were raffled off to children.

Ms. Cohn was eager to have everything given away, placing clothes, and games in the hands of children and their parents. Even Santa Clause mysteriously arrived riding the large Kayenta Volunteer Fire Department's truck.

"Never has an event like this occurred, it was like watching kids being kids and everyone else turning into kids; that is how you know it's Christmas," said the Kayenta Township Community Outreach Coordinator, Phil Zahne.



"Hopefully next year we can have an even larger group to celebrate Christmas," Ms. Cohn said.

Even the Department of Behavioral Health in Kayenta had employees join by providing information on alcohol & drug prevention, and the traditional Navajo aspect of what the winter season means.

The night ended with a traditional Navajo Shoe Game, which was both comical and full of song and wonder. Ms. Cohn and her volunteer group said "they were all impressed playing the Indian Shoe game and was lucky enough to find the ball in the shoe."

Ms. Cohn would like to thank Richard Mike for his generous donation of rooms to Hampton Inn of Kayenta and Virgil Dalton for a tour of our magnificent Monument Valley.

Also, on behalf of the Kayenta Township and the Kayenta community, we would like to thank Ms. Cohn, volunteers Harold Cook, Joe Castro, and Judy Chen, 21 Choices Ice Cream, Custom Carpet, the Toy Factory of L.A., and the citizens from Claremont, California for donating toys to this year's drive.



What should be the role of the Navajo Nation Government in Facilitating Greater Economic Development?

By James Henderson Jr.

More than a decade ago, a concept started to take form. We as a Navajo Nation have struggled with this concept, but this community had made it a reality.

The concept is to have more control over our own economic security, through a township government.

As we struggle to grasp a more modern economy, we also struggle to gain control over our local governance.

Since the Navajo Nation sets policies and approves everything that is developed on Navajo Nation – “What should be their role to accomplish and ensure the progress of Greater Economic Development for its people?”

Along with their lead role in support resolutions, our Government must be fully prepared to meet the changing economic environment.

Our government should display an understanding of economic fundamentals new technology to implement strategic planning of new ideas.

Their understanding largely affects the way they make decisions, and the future of Economic Development on the Navajo Nation and of thinking.

We must change to a more modern economy and way of thinking take the responsibility for our people to acquire new skills for people in their forties, fifties, and beyond, and our Government should learn how to make these opportunities available.

One way to bring about this understanding is possibly create a council of economic advisors.

We should grasp a broad and aggressive economic agenda. The council of economic advisors must be committed to growth and improvement and has basic knowledge of Strategic Planning of growth and development.

We need to become a nation of creating opportunities of entrepreneurship, trade investment and increased living standards, and long term financial investment in world wide market and bond investments. Our leaders need to take educated risks.

Our government should streamline the bureaucratic red tape for land acquisition.

The process of bureaucratic starts at the local level with the District Grazing Committee, Resources and Economic Development Committees and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice.

Over time, we have become a nation that strangles itself by depending largely on disarray of services and our own selves. At times, as Navajo People, we are our own worst enemies by land disputes and hindering economic progress.

The Navajo Nation needs to take a more active and aggressive role in recruiting and attracting business.

One way could be our government and responsible departments to streamline the time it takes to attain a business site lease.

Another way is waiver the business site lease. Presently, the Navajo Nation Council is working on this through its oversight committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Navajo Nation Council.

Home site leases should take (6 weeks and yet some people are still trying for over 30 years! Why?)

One thing to remember is that we live on Federal Trust Lands and about 80% of our land is for grazing and land use permits. All these grazing permits and land use permits are regulated through Grazing Regulations. The Resources Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has oversight authority over these regulations



that cover all Natural Resources Issues.

How many business have moved into the Kayenta Township in the last two years? Three years? Are these business supported by population growth plan? What about the future growth in five, ten, and twenty years?

We must continue to move forward and our Nation must do everything possible to achieve economic security and progressive growth.

Risk and change cannot be eliminated. Our government should be acknowledging ownership of small business.

We need to learn how to open new markets and learn special delivery of specialized services. Our products should be labeled “Authentic Navajo Made”. We need proposed plans for Cannery, growing of vegetables, slaughter houses, auction barns, clothing, weaving, photographs, arts, silversmith and rug weaving of which we as Navajo have no equal.

Kayenta is a unique location with the 8th Wonder of the World in your backyard. The beautiful and holy Monument Valley. We must capitalize on this monument as a tourist Mecca.

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ness development committees that they would soon establish after they became president. It's all just been a squirt of hog-wash to get elected or re-elected. A bureaucracy doesn't want a political body that they can't control; so therefore they increase their own – RBDO.

In the not too distance future, the US government will evaluate our efforts towards self-determination, self-sufficiency and increased business activity. The result will be dismal failures on all counts. Over 7,000 tribal employees and the Navajo Nation Council will have the most to lose as they are the main ones benefiting from the Federal funds. Just like the BIA, our Navajo bureaucracy refuses to change and refuses to go away. So, like the BIA, the Navajo people will have to start whittling the Navajo bureaucracy down. US Senator John McCain already told the Navajo Nation Council on January 18, 1969

that "The brightest future lies in a robust free enterprise system on reservation lands, not with government socialism. ... Years of Great Society government programs poured an ocean of money into the reservation only to see it evaporate like water on sunbaked sand." I don't believe that Federal funds will be totally curtailed however, I think that it will be so severally cut that we'll have to create our own local town governments and live off our own local taxes. Would you fund a Tribal government at a minimum of \$400,000,000. (four-hundred million) a year that continues to grow and become more dependent or would you fund the Kayenta Township in matching funds at \$3,500,000. (3.5 million), our current annual budget? The Federal government will share revenues with a local towns tax generated revenues. Why not? It's worked in thousands of hamlets, towns, townships and cities in America for over two hundred and thirty years.

Heart Disease is a Growing Problem in Our Community

A Message from the Inscription House Healthy Heart Project in Partnership with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute

Did you know that more Native Americans die from heart disease than from any other cause? Heart attacks and strokes kill more than one out of every four people who die in Indian Country.

We used to think that more men than women had heart attacks. But, today we know that heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in Native American communities.

The good news is that heart disease is usually preventable. Prevention must start early in life. We can help ourselves and help others in our family and in our community to prevent heart disease.

The first thing we can do is to learn more about our heart. The heart is an amazing organ!

Our heart is the center of our body. Every minute it pumps 5 quarts of blood through our blood vessels. The heart sends the blood through our lungs to pick up oxygen to take to all the parts of our body. Our heart never stops working. It beats about 100,000 times a day. It takes a strong muscle to do this work. We strengthen our heart through exercise. Physical activity

that makes our heart beat faster actually makes our heart stronger.

Like water flowing through a stream to bring life to our world, the blood must flow freely through our body. Our heart, our lungs, and our blood all work together to sustain our life. We call the diseases of our heart and blood vessels "cardiovascular disease" or CVD. The most common CVD is coronary heart disease, which can cause heart attacks, strokes and the chest pain called "angina."

Heart disease develops over a long time. The blood vessels get clogged with deposits of a waxy substance called cholesterol. When an artery becomes blocked, oxygen and nutrients cannot get to the heart causing a heart attack. Stroke results when a blood clot blocks the blood to the brain, or from bleeding in the brain.

I will be writing a column in Kayenta Today about heart disease and what you can do to prevent it. I hope you will read each column and share the information with others. Also, you can me at 928-672-3119 (Betty McCurtain) if you want more information about heart disease and how you can get involved to strengthen the heartbeat of our community.



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As the Township and Chapter work hand in hand, your concept is a tribute to community members and an example of what dedicated leadership and positive vision can accomplish.

There are three governments working together, the Township, Chapter and the Navajo Nation Government. These three must continue to work hand in hand. One cannot look the other way to be successful.

The Navajo Nation has it's Council, and all committees and Speaker's Office. The Township has its Commission, people and business people the tax payer.

Te Navajo Nation Government has to meet us with 100-200% and even 1000%. We all have to do what ever it takes.

We see the people of Kayenta overtaking all obstacles and the pilot project has been successful.

To continue the development process of the Kayenta Township, we must

exercise the Economic Impact by:

Vendor spending

Tax revenue and creation of tax rates.

Navajo Bond Rating and Improvement.

New construction and repairs.

Recreation and Tourism.

Communication

Housing and Real Estate Activity.

Bank and Credit Unions.

Partnerships with Navajo Nation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Chapters.

You make the requirements for the Navajo Nation Government to follow and take you lead role for the success of the Township.

In closing, I am very proud of you, the people and leaders in taking the initiative and risk in developing the Township. Thank you and continue to prosper and goodwill to all of you as my relatives and comrades.

James Henderson Jr.
August 27, 2005

Kayenta Chapter CBLUPC is A Few Steps Away to Submitting Land Use Plan

By Matthew Austin

KAYENTA, ARIZONA – The Kayenta Chapter Community – Based Land Use Planning Committee (CBLUPC) has been working hard for the last eight month to complete the Kayenta Chapter Land Use Plan. The Committee held six Public Meetings through out the Kayenta Chapter for community participation as mandated in the Navajo Nation Code Title 26, the Local Governance Act. With one more meeting scheduled for Chapter members residing on Black Mesa, CBLUPC is in the final stages of completing the Kayenta Chapter Land Use Plan. SOAR Inc. Consultant Dr. Jerry Knowles has been contracted to provide technical assistance on putting the Land Use Document together. After a sixty-day comment/review period, CBLUPC will present the Land Use Plan to the Kayenta Chapter for approval. Once approved, the Plan will be presented to the Navajo Nation Council's Transportation and Community Development Committee for final review.

The first Public Meeting was held at the Kayenta Chapter House on June 26, 2005 with 50 Kayenta Community Members present. On July 23, 2005, Jason Bitsuie hosted the second Public Meeting at his Church Rock residents with 30 Chapter members attending. The third meeting was held at Halls Burn Ridge with 35 Chapter members on September 23, 2005. CBLUPC held the fourth meeting at the Kayenta Chapter House for Kayenta West, Tyenda,

Skeleton Mesa, Tsegi and Long House Valley on January 6, 2006 with over 100 Chapter members in attendance. 90 Chapter members that reside north of Kayenta in Cane Valley and El Capitan areas met on January 20, 2006 at the Kayenta Chapter House. One more Public Meeting is scheduled on February 3, 2006 at the Peabody Western Human Resource Building for Black Mesa residents.

CBLUPC presented the purpose of a Community-Based Land Use Plan for the Chapter and sought public comments and concerns from those attending. The main topics pushed by the Chapter members at the Public Meetings were the extension of electrical and waterlines to the rural areas. In addition, a new Senior Center, more Economic Development and Veterans Assistance were emphasized, as priority community needs. Once all this information is complied, CBLUPC and Dr. Knowles will finalize the Plan for the sixty-day comment period. Than CBLUPC Members will than seek certification of the Plan from the Transportation and Community Development Committee by the summer of 2006.

CBLUPC meeting are on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Kayenta Chapter House. Agendas are prepared one day before the meeting, for more information contact Lenora Spencer, CBLUPC Coordinator.

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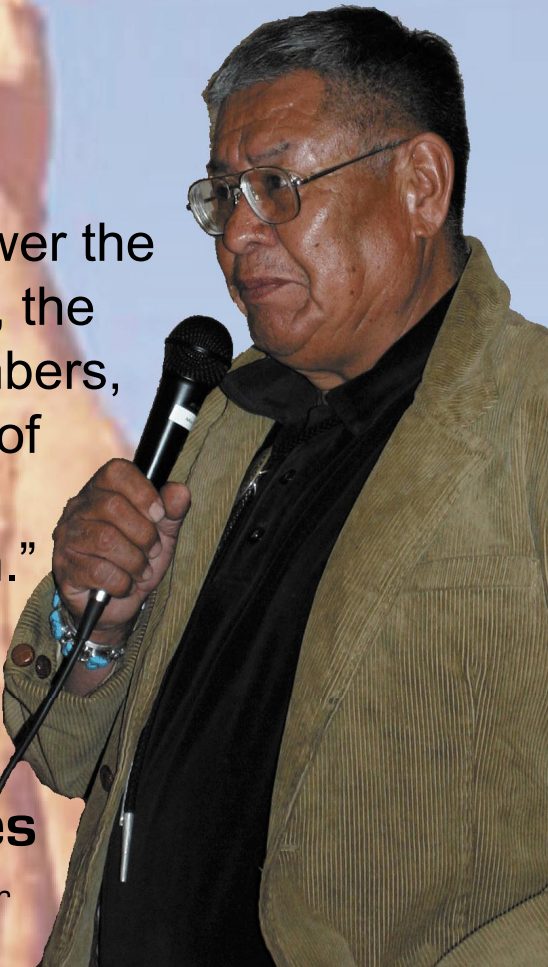





Town Manager Reception

“I want to empower the people, the staff, the community members, and the leaders of Kayenta. This is my vision.”

Daniel Peaches
Kayenta Town Manager



Many community leaders and members attended the Town Manager Reception on January 12, 2006 at the Kayenta Town Hall.



“The Business Association felt that the Township was making progress with the Master Lease, which we were very interested in. We need the Master Lease in order to promote economic growth in our community, our people need employment in our community, not services. The Township needs to focus on the needs of the community, things in Kayenta seem to have been at a stand still lately. Mr. Daniel Peaches is local, he knows what is needed in our community and I hope he picks up where Mr. Gary Nelson left off with the Master Lease.”

- Bill Cornford



Mr. Peaches has been a prominent person in this whole region, he's very outspoken and has excellent experience in both State and Tribal government. That is what makes him such a great candidate for the Kayenta Town Manager.

- Dr. Gerald Knoles



“I know he will do an outstanding job, he's from the community and knows its needs. I'm very happy to have Mr. Peaches as one of our leaders in our community.”

- Alice Yazzie



“It's only fitting to have a town manager that is from this community, I look up to Mr. Daniel Peaches.”

- Wille Begay

Kayenta Toys for Tots

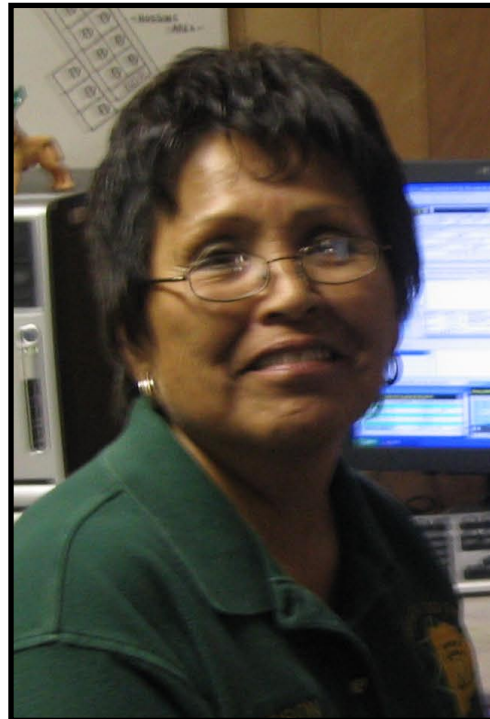
By Dana Lee

"We saw a little boy crying thinking he was scared of the toy we gave him, but he told us he was so happy, he never thought he would have gotten any gifts for Christmas," said Sarah Jensen.

Sarah Jensen, dispatcher for the Kayenta Police Department had a great responsibility, assisting in the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. The Navajo Nation Police Department is a member of the Local Community Organizations that join the Marine Corps campaign, assigning their districts to gather information and support from their communities they serve.

October 1, 2005 began the outreach to the eight chapters the Kayenta Police Department serve: Kayenta, Dennehotso, Chilchibeto, Oljato, Navajo Mountain, Inscription House, and Shonto. Mrs. Jensen had requested the Chapters give her a list of three families whom may not have been able to purchase any gifts or their children and how many toys they needed.

Burger King of Kayenta, Chevron, Sonics, Bashas', Kayenta Indian Health Service, Monument Valley High School National Honor Society, and Ferrell Gas were large contributors to the program.



Sarah Jensen

A total of 6,380 toys, books, and stocking stuffers were collected from the Marine Corps and local donations. "We received DVD players, bikes, huge stuffed animals, remote control trucks, digital games. I just couldn't believe all the toys we got, I mean, these were not cheap toys at all....we were all so excited," Mrs. Jensen commented.

The Navajo Nation Police Dept. Toys for Tots members spent nine days in California visiting each Marine Base near, collecting toys. They brought back an estimated total of 35-37,000 toys that were divided among the 17 police districts and 10 other tribes. Once in Kayenta, the gifts were given to the eight chapters.

In the beginning, it seemed there was more than enough toys, but when we finally divided it all up, we could have used just a bit more. I do wish that awareness about the campaign gets out and more people want to help," Mrs. Jensen said in reference to fundraising and awareness.

The Kayenta Police district covers 4,620 square miles with an estimated population of 23,300. The Toys for Tots program expresses that "the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys."

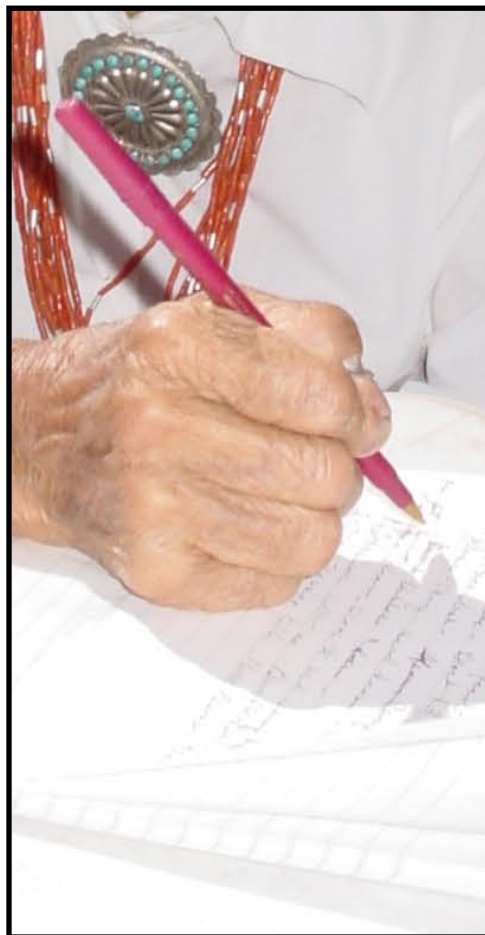
Construction of a New Senior Citizens and Wellness Center for Kayenta?

By Dana Lee

Local community members, including the Kayenta Elder Task Force is tracking a key piece of legislation before the Arizona State Legislature. House Bill 2458 (HB 2458) has been written to provide support for funds to construct "Navajo Senior Center Facilities." HB 2458 has proceeded thru the first and second readings of sponsoring committees, and currently sits before the Appropriations Committee.

A proposal was submitted to construct a new senior citizens and wellness center for Kayenta. The proposal requests approximately \$2.5 million to build a facility four times the size of the current facility. Several members of the Kayenta Senior Center Advisory Council, Kayenta Chapter, and the Kayenta Township traveled down to Phoenix to participate in Arizona's Indian Legislative Day and met with key legislatures (Representative Albert Tom, Representative Anne Kirkpatrick, and Senator Albert Hale), to advocate support for HB 2458. Representative Albert Tom has been instrumental in sponsoring this legislation.

The proposed plans include expanding and adding new programs and



services beyond the congregate meal program.

The layout and size of the current facility limits the type and variety of programs which can be advertised. It's getting to expensive to maintain the current 20 year old facility.

The dream of the Kayenta Senior Citizens is within reach but the Arizona State Legislators have to determine the financial feasibility.

The Kayenta Senior Center Advisory Council recommends that all support comments be forwarded to the following legislative representative for HB 2458.

Representative Albert Tom
atom@azleg.gov
(928) 926-5862
Representative Anne Kirkpatrick
akirkpatrick@az.leg.gov
(928) 926-5160
Senator Albert Hale
ahale@azleg.gov
(928) 926-4323

For more information, contact:
Andrew Bradley, President of Kayenta Senior Citizen Advisory Committee
Pearlena Chiquito, Kayenta Senior Center

A Message to the People of Kayenta

My name is Daniel Peaches. I am of the Bitter Water clan and born for the Manygoat clan. I am also related to the Zuni Edgewater clan on my mother side and of the Reed/Big Water clan on my father side.

I was appointed the position of Kayenta Town Manager on January 9, 2006 and began work on January 10, 2006. I found the Kayenta Township staff to be dedicated and hard working. My approach to management is person to person, hands on type of management. I view each individual as having abilities and potential for growth in their lives and in their work. I want them to share their ideas with me and my aspirations and my ideas with them.

My ideas came from my experience and formal education. I use concepts in getting my message across. Using concepts is better than directives such as "Do this or do that." approach. Concepts can be replicated, or in another words, it can be used in different situations. The concepts of fairness, equality or justice. The concepts of honesty, reliability, and trust. These are the tools of management and understanding. I learned to use concepts from my formal education and from a traditional medicine man. Concepts hardly change from generation to generation.

As a Town Manager, I will be using an integrated approach which means a lateral approach as well as hierarchy. The integrated approach is like a Hogan. A Hogan consists of 100 or 150 posts. If you remove one log, the

whole structure will collapse. The posts are the people, the elders, the parents, the children, and the young people in the community. The posts are the schools, the clinic, the churches, the local governments, the businesses, the land and the people.

I also believe in ownership. All members of the community should have a stake and ownership in the community. To make ownership work, everyone must accept their responsibilities. I believe in shared governance. I attend Chapter meetings, school board meetings, Township meetings, planning meetings, steering committee meetings on a periodic basis.

This community called Kayenta can be a model community if we all take ownerships, like planting a tree, cleaning the roadside of litter, etc. The trees around the Chapter house were planted by my brother Robert and myself in 1961 and these trees give a home feeling looking from the road as you drive by. We must all do some volunteer work for our community to make it look pleasing and give it a home atmosphere to the traveling public and visitors.

The Township uses cost share with the Chapter and other entities to lessen the burdening costs. The Township has technical staff which is available to community members such as cost estimates, surveys, and other technical assistance. The Chapter government is a subdivision of the Navajo Nation government and it is very important that the Chap

ter government and the Township government have a close cooperative relationship to improve our community and make progress possible.

We work closely with Congressman Rick Renzi and his staff. We work closely with the Speakers Office and the offices of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation. We work closely with our County Supervisor Percy Deal, our State Representative Albert Tom, and our State Senator Albert Hale. We work closely with Gary Passer, President of Northland Pioneer College, and Ferlin Clark, President of Dine College. We work closely with our three Council Delegates, Willie Begay who is Vice Chairman of Transportation and Community Development Committee, Roy Laughter, and Alice White who serves on the Economic Development Committee. We work closely with NTUA and other Tribal departments. We have daily contacts Walter Begay, Jr. who is the Governmental Liaison for Peabody Western Coal Company. This is the integrated approach.

I will be working closely with the Kayenta Business Committee to hear their concerns and plans. I will use a team approach with my staff. Phil Zahne will be attending the Indian Economic Summit in Las Vegas in February. I will be traveling to visit with our legislators in Phoenix and I will be visiting with the managers of our border communities to learn what they do to address their problems and plans for the future. I do not want to work in a vacuum.



I solicit your ideas, suggestions and your recommendations as to how we can improve our community, how we can better serve our youth, elders, and those who work and live here in Kayenta.

Thank you,
Daniel L. Peaches
Kayenta Town Manager



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Teeh'in'deeh Woman's Shelter Flooded

By Dana Lee

The winter snow has finally come to Kayenta, a time for celebration and snowballs, but the Teeh'in'deeh Woman's Shelter also had an experience of its own on January 23, 2006.

With temperatures dropping in the Kayenta area, one side of the building did not have a heater. The pipes froze causing a burst in the sprinklers which flooded inside the building. When an employee and volunteer went to investigate, they said that the water in the room was so great that the pressure from outside the closed door caused a gush of water spraying out in the cracks, leaking out into the rest of that side of the building.

Specific information on the building plan cannot be given out due to security measures.

There was approximately 4-6 inches of water which flowed into the hallway and leaked into six or eight rooms damaging pressboard frames, cardboard boxes of mattresses and shelves, drywall, and wall paint.

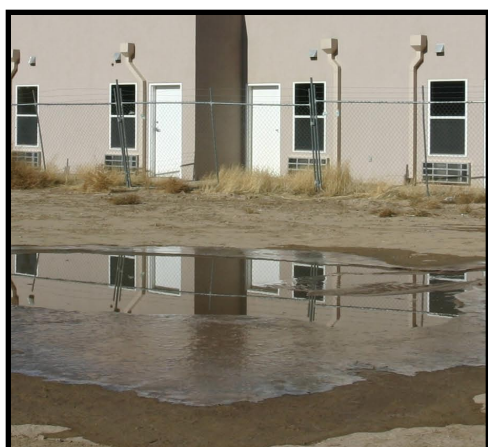
At 8:15 a.m., Navajo Tribal Utility Authority responded and ordered a service call. NTUA shut off an isolated valve line, but for emergency precautions, the building was outfit

ted with a booster pump that served as a backup source of water powered by a backup generator. The electricity was turned off, water was left on, and finally shut off. This process took time in which water continued to pour out of the sprinklers.

Maintenance workers of the Teeh'in'deeh Shopping Center assisted in maintaining the water. About seven hours later, volunteers and workers removed water from the building with mops, shovels, and squeegees.

Geraldine Laughter, Shelter Director, was disappointed in Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's delay in responding and acting to shut off the water. "Non-profit organizations [like the Teeh'in'deeh Woman's Shelter] depend on the community and it is disappointing to know that in an emergency, there are members of the community that you cannot rely on" Ms. Laughter told Kayenta Today, in response to the dilemma of the water continuing to pour out of the pipes.

The shelter was on the verge of opening its door, and one of the last projects was the installation of phone lines. With the recent water damage, the opening will be delayed.



Natural Gas coming to a Kayenta

By Dana Lee

"To ensure safe and reliable services to our customers that exceed their expectations," mission statement of Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.

Since the closing of Black Mesa mine, Kayenta residents are trying to find alternative sources of energy, stored coal, propane, solar power, wind power, including natural gas.

Currently, a natural gas pipe runs from the San Juan Basin to California crosses right over the Northern part of Arizona and Kayenta, which gives Kayenta an opportunity to run a pipe off a 16" diameter pipe.

The purpose of the project is to attach a 4" polyethylene pipe off the 16" main pipe. The project will be divided in three phases for the Kayenta area.

The first phase will include a zig-zag formation thru NHA Housing, New/Old Trailer Court, 160/163 Junction, and downtown Kayenta. Bidding for construction will begin next month and end in March. Construction will start in May 2006, end in August 2006, and a total length equal to 5.09 miles of pipe will be laid.

The second phase will be around the "Hill" housing to the present I.H.S. clinic and have a distance equal to 3.22 miles of laid pipes. Construction is estimated to begin in 2008 but it is unknown when it will end.

The third and final phase will support the new Kayenta I.H.S. Hospital. Construction is predicted to start in 2008 but the exact date of completion is still unknown.

N.T.U.A. will be responsible to conduct gas leak surveys from the main pipe to meters, checking the pressure (psi) levels, and it is anticipated there will be no charge to the customer for the first meter.

Customers who choose to change to natural gas will be responsible after the meter to entering the establishment or home. The customer, if not outfitted, will pay for any conversion or upgrade of appliances.

For residents of the Peabody Trailer Court, it is the decision of Peabody

to change from propane to natural gas and once that is decided, all residents must convert to natural gas.

The general fee for propane varies with a high cost of \$525.00 and a low of \$475.00 per year with services from N.T.U.A. Electricity usually has a basic cost of \$480.00 per year with no severe fluctuations. Natural gas will be charged \$172.00 per year.

Garret Morris, Gas Engineering Department Supervisor said, "the high price gas rates of January 2003 was \$.73 per therm, December 2004 was \$.90 per therm, and picked up to \$1.50 per therm. \$1.04 per therm. The average fluctuates due to Hurricane Katrina."

Across the Navajo Nation, only fifteen communities have natural gas. Kayenta is among five other communities that are in the process of having natural gas, including Tuba City, Dennehotso, Teec Nos Pos, and Red Mesa.

For the science lovers: Propane vs. Natural Gas

Propane is a substance that is a by-product of natural gas processing and petroleum refining and burns three times hotter than natural gas. Propane is stored and transported in its compressed liquid form, but by releasing the valve from a pressurized container, it is vaporized into a gas for use. Price of propane is influenced by the price of competing fuels, distance the propane has to travel, and volumes used by the consumer.

Natural gas is a gaseous mixture of naturally occurring hydrocarbons: methane, propane, butane, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen. Natural gas costs much less than propane and cleaner. Natural gas displaces the oxygen in the air, making it lighter than air, and is able to escape through porous and semi-porous materials. Price of natural gas depends on the "transmission and distribution costs" (move gas from production site, to company, to customers) and the "commodity cost" (the cost of the gas itself).



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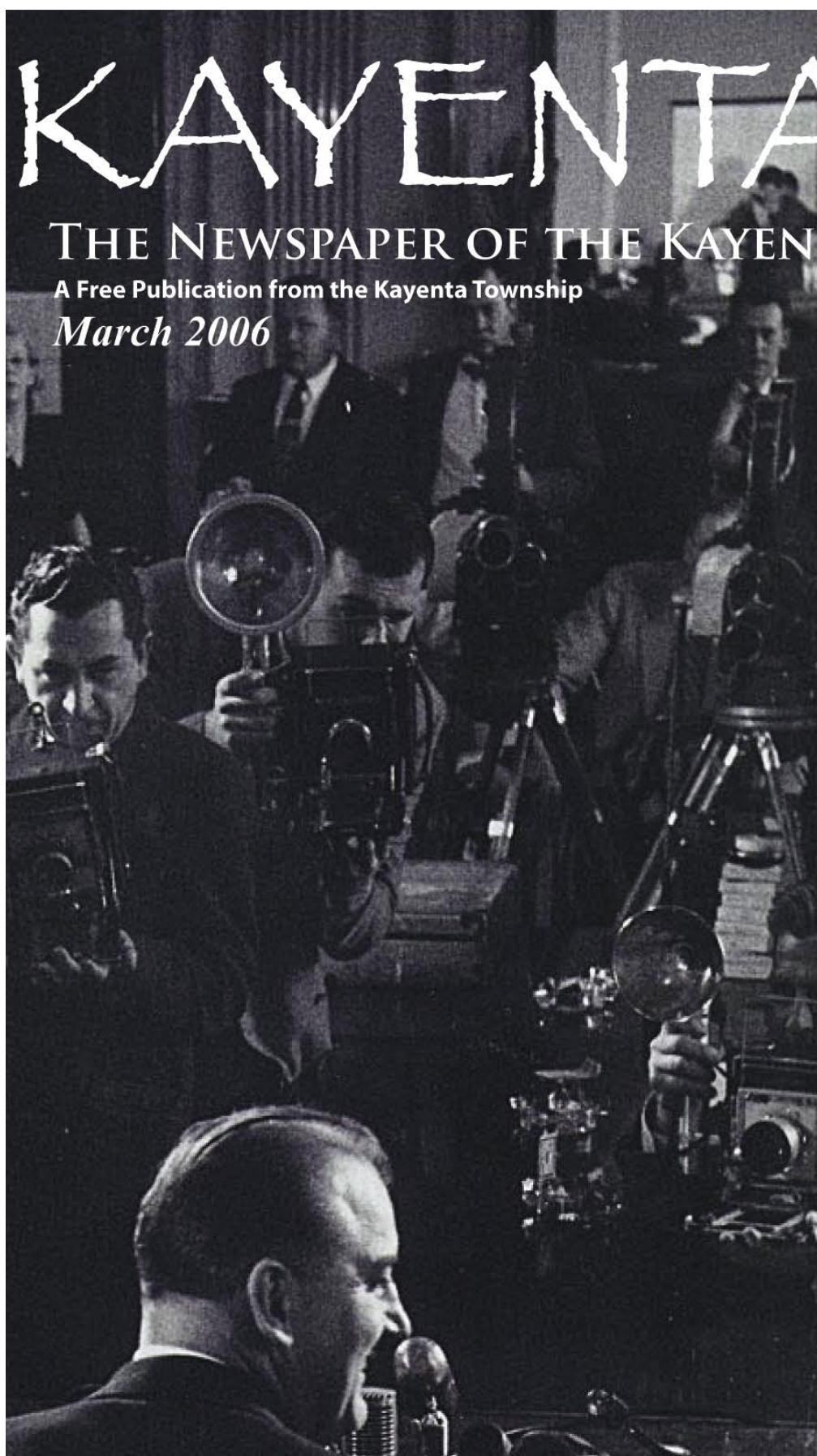
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Barriers to Navajoland Business Development

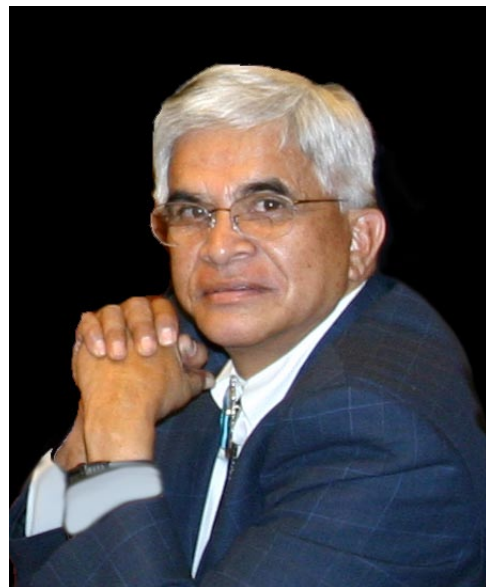
Part Two

By Richard Mike

**Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Kayenta Township*

In the last issue of the KAYENTA TODAY newspaper, I wrote to you about what I thought were the largest barriers to business development on the reservation, the first was having a huge Tribal bureaucracy. The biggest problem with a huge Tribal bureaucracy and its paternalistic attitude is socialism. Under a socialist system, people's incomes are not related to their productivity. Thus, there is no incentive to work hard. Hard work and high quality work are not rewarded. This is true for managers and professionals as well as for skilled and unskilled workers. As a result, Indian reservations suffer from poor distribution of resources, poor services, low production, and low-quality products. Many times, when those of us in business terminate a non-productive employee, we have to answer to the Navajo Office of Labor Relations. A Tribal entity can sue a business but the business cannot sue a Tribal entity. Another disadvantage of socialism is that it often goes along with the loss of personal freedom. For example, the NN government has far greater power over the lives of its people than the US government does. It can take over a company, close down a company, or start up government-owned companies like the newly acquired hotels at Tuba City, and Page or the Chevron gasoline stations. The US government created Indian reservations to basically put us out of sight and out of mind. Still, every individual in the world has to worry about his/her economic future. The lack of leadership, flexibility and imagination to adapt by our government simply puts another obstacle in the way of my and your economic future.

In this issue I present to you my thoughts about the second of three barriers to Navajoland business development. The second of three main barriers to Navajoland business development is our land status. I believe that most Navajos that live on the reservation know that we have many land issues. While we have



hundred's of miles of this brown sand and dirt between Crownpoint and Kayenta, we have all these feelings of frustration because of all the paperwork to acquire just a little piece of it. What makes America unique and gives the American people the opportunity to accumulate wealth is the process of titles. Without title, survey, grazing permit, or any kind of documents, Old grandma can stop the entire Navajo Nation Council, you, me, and even the BIA from traveling across her wagon trail. The US Government holds all reservation land in "trust" for us, meaning that the US Government is really the landlord of the reservation. The trust status of the reservation however, is not the problem. The problem is that the lands under our homes and Grandma's house are worthless. Consider the question:

Question: What's the best thing that can happen to an Anglo on their own land?

Answer: Discover oil.

Question: What's the worst thing that can happen to a Navajo on their own land?

Answer: Discover oil.

How many Navajo millionaires do you know from Aneth, Utah? You see their Hogan's, trailers, and homes right next to a pumping oil rig. Those Navajo families, who were unfortunate enough to live on top of oil (coal), are moved off wholesale and the NN Council collects all the

royalties. We have the brain power to change that. All that is needed is a 99 year business site lease, a 99 year home site lease, and local governments

Property

America is the greatest economic power in the world and the American standard of living is built upon property ownership. Freedom comes from property ownership. William Pitt spoke the following words in the British House of Commons in the 1700's about the need for privacy.

"The poorest man may, in his cottage, bid defiance to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail, its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it; the storm may enter; the rain may enter; but the King of England may not enter; all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement."

The English in the 1700's respected property rights and therefore respected a man's right to freedom on his own property. My father was a Navajo Code Talker and when he returned from the war, he told me that he finally realized that he fought for America's freedom and not his own. Without property, there is no freedom. Take for example, the case of the Kayenta couple who were in the throes of divorce. The Navajo wife was so angered by her estranged Anglo husband that she reported him to the Navajo Nation Cultural Resource Compliance Program for the Anasazi pots he had found. He was arrested, the pots and other anasazi artifacts confiscated as well as his automobile. That couldn't happen outside of the reservation.

The potential value locked up in a house (capital) can be revealed and exchanged for cash in the same way that a herd of sheep (capital) can be transformed into wool, rugs, food, or cash. In both cases, the transition from one state to another requires a man-made representation like in the case of the sheep, a bill of sale, a rug, or meat on the table. In the case of the house, a title or a security contract. Most Navajos can focus on a herd of sheep and see their potential.

That is, they can see the esteem a large herd of sheep can bring them. They can see more lambs, a larger herd several years hence, more rugs, and plenty of mutton for the family. Even the potential for more ceremonies because they can now afford to feed a greater number of guest and relatives. Because Navajos can't own land, they have a hard time seeing the conceptual world where capital (money) lives. That is, they focus their attention on a house as mere shelter and not on the potential of a house.

Looking at a house will not tell you who owns it. A house that is yours today looks exactly as it did yesterday. It looks the same whether I own it, rent it, or sell it to you. Property is not the house itself but an economic concept about the house, embodied in a legal representation – a title. Off the reservation, most formal property expressed through a title can easily be used as collateral for a loan; as equity exchanged for investment; as an address for collecting debts, rates, and taxes; as a locus point for the identification of individuals for commercial, judicial, or civic purpose; and a liable terminal for receiving public utility services such as electricity, water, sewage, telephone, or cable services. While houses on the reservation are used merely as shelter, off the reservation, houses are used to produce surplus value over and above its physical assets.

Equity

The concept of equity derives from property ownership. The ownership of property like a three-bedroom trailer house gives you the right to occupy your trailer house but it also gives the bank a claim on your trailer house until it's paid off. There is no doubt that you can live inside your trailer house as long as you provide the bank a minimum amount of insurance and proper credentials so that the bank is assured that they will get their money back – dead or alive. Now, when you purchased this trailer, you did not have sufficient assets to pay the full price. You put \$2,000. down of your own money and the bank provided \$20,500. in the form of a loan. Because you were unable to acquire the entire equity

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Is the McCarthy Era of the 1950's "Red Scare" in Kayenta?

By Daniel Peaches - Kayenta Township Manager

The total disruption of the Kayenta Chapter meeting on March twentieth with yelling and pushing created such a chaotic and threatening situation that it forced Mr. Albert Bailey, Chapter President to postpone the meeting.

The individuals that created this chaotic situation were very skilled in the use of propaganda, innuendos and deliberate distorted use of information to create a hostile situation.

There was a time in America when U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy



U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee held hearings into these allegations and the report stated that the facts do not substantiate Senator McCarthy's allegations. Many people were destroyed. Their lives and their businesses were ruined by these false allegations during Senator McCarthy's so-called witch hunt. During this period, people spied on their neighbors and college professors lived in fear of their lives.

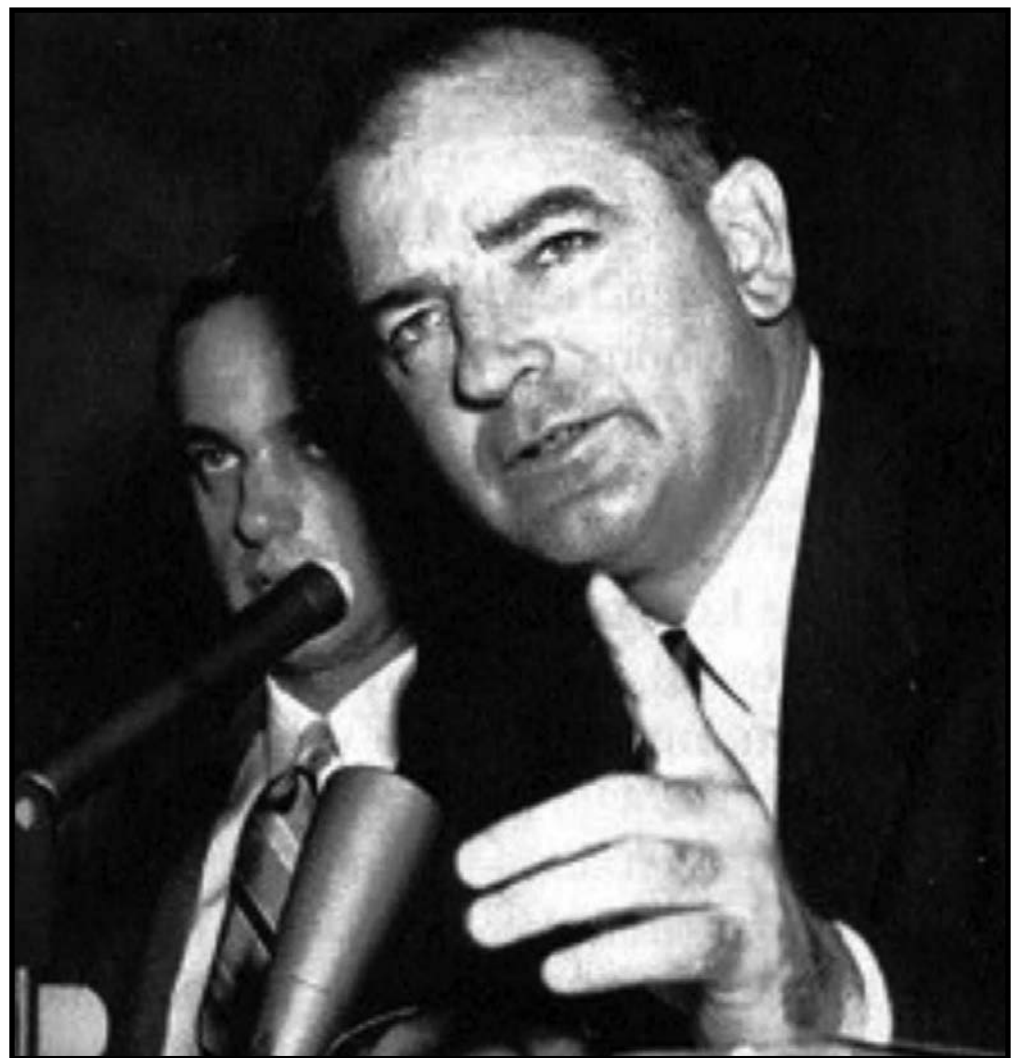
These kinds of tactics are being used today against the Kayenta Chapter government and the Kayenta Township government and their officials.



SENATOR JOSEPH MCCARTHY 1908-1957

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—HARRY S. TRUMAN



of Wisconsin used his position to alarm the American public with such divisive tactics; to mislead the public and to create mistrust between the public and the public officials. Senator McCarthy used his office to create such chaotic conditum that created a public scare about communism in America. "The Commies are taking over our government, our schools, and our churches," he cried. Many people became alarmed and some called for the removal of all red sympathizers in the government, in classrooms and in the market place.



The instigator(s) of this public hysteria accused Kayenta officials of stealing public funds, of using employees to shield them, and abuse of authority. When there are no facts to substantiate their claims.

The sooner these kind of irresponsible tactics are held to account, the sooner the people can go about their business and their public officials can perform their duties without fears of threats and accusations.

On a last note: Senator McCarthy died as a shamed man after he was held to account for his irresponsible tactics.

Kayenta Chapter Meeting Adjourned by Unruly Audience

KAYENTA, ARIZONA – On March 20, 2006 the Kayenta Chapter tried to conduct its Regular Chapter Meeting, which was adjourned during the 'approving the agenda' section of the meeting. President Albert Bailey adjourned the chapter meeting when a chapter member was given the floor to make a substitute motion to the motion to approve the agenda. As the Chapter Member was stating her substitute motion, she eluded off her motion. President Bailey called for point of order and asked the chapter member to refrain from accusations and stating hearsay.

Members of the audience attending the Chapter Meeting became displeased to the 'point of order' interjection and became very vocal. President Bailey called for the audience to maintain order and was unsuccessful. President Bailey felt that the public's safety in the meeting room was compromised and adjourned the meeting. He told the audience the meeting will resume on March 27, 2006.

Members of the audience further expelled comments about the Chapter leadership. President Bailey announced that the meeting is over and the audience refused to leave the Meeting Room. The Kayenta Chapter staff were then instructed to notify the Kayenta Police Department to assist with disbursing the audience. As the Kayenta Police Officers arrived at the Chapter, most of the audience had moved out of the building. Most of the audience remained outside the building for more than two hours after the meeting was adjourned.

Certain community members have criticized the Kayenta Chapter and the Kayenta Township recently. These members have formed a group that publicly criticize and expressed opposition against both governments. The group displays total disregard of authority and continues to present false statements and accusations on the Chapter and Township. According to sources in the Chapter and Township offices, this group stems from two businesses in Kayenta that are having problems with obtaining a business site lease from the Kayenta Township. This same group has misconstrued information and issues to confuse community members.

For information contact the Kayenta Chapter Administration at (928) 697 – 5520.



March 20, 2006
Kayenta Chapter Incident Report:

What happened: Navajo Nation Department of Law Enforcement – Police Officer were called to the Kayenta Chapter Meeting. (Attaching documents: Kayenta Police Report CCH 06-06-005744 by Officer Vernon Nelson)

Description of Incident: The Kayenta Chapter held its Regular Chapter meeting on March 20, 2006. The meeting commenced at 2:10 P.M. at the Kayenta Chapter House. The agenda was read into record, a motion and a second was made to accept the agenda. At this point Chapter member Beverly Pigman was given the floor to speak. Pigman proceeded to present a substitute motion and stated that the Kayenta Township Commission is in the process of approving legislation against the community. Kayenta Chapter President Albert Bailey interjected Pigman, stating she was out-of-order. At this point the Kayenta Chapter members became irritated, protesting to have Pigman finish her statement. President Bailey called the meeting adjourned for the reason that of the outburst caused by Beverly Pigman's statements. At 2:45 P.M. the Kayenta Police Department were called to disburse the crowd from the meeting hall. Kayenta Police Officer Vernon Nelson arrived at the Chapter and most of the crowd has move outside.

Background/Follow-up Information: Beverly Pigman and a group of Kayenta Chapter members have created discord among the Community of Kayenta. Pigman is adamant and persistent on dissolving the Kayenta Township Commission and has stated false accusations against the Township and Chapter. Pigman states she is advocating on behalf of the Ward, Inc. businesses, located in the Kayenta Township. Pigman's niece, Jo Danna Ward is head of Ward, Inc. Pigman and Ward, Inc. are accusing the Kayenta Chapter and Township governments of being impartial and have organized a group of Kayenta Chapter members to recall certain leaders.

Supplemental:

Submitted By: *Matthew Austin*
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Kayenta Chapter



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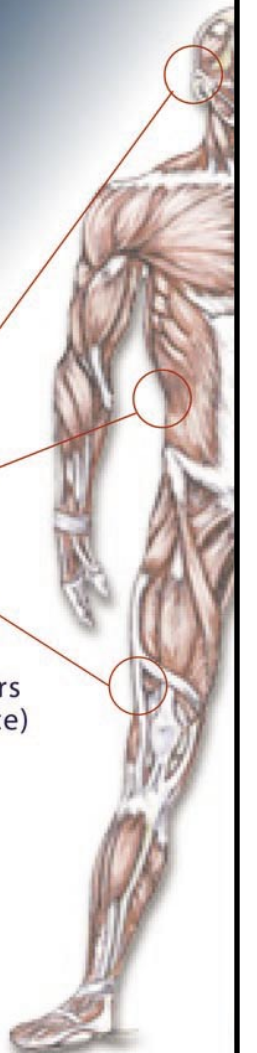
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THE SHOW DOWN IN K-TOWN

A Navajo Nation Economic Development Committee public hearing was held February 22 and 23 at the old Monument Valley High School Gym. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the concerns from community member of Kayenta about the Kayenta Township. Well over one hundred community members and local business owners attended the hearings to voice their concerns about the Township on both days.

The Navajo Nation EDC scheduled the public hearing after receiving complaints from a few business owners and community members of Kayenta. During the hearing, community members, business owners, and community leaders were given twenty minutes to present to the EDC. Well over sixty presentations were given at the hearings over the span of two days.

One of the main complaints by certain community members and business owners about the Kayenta Township were based on the Townships business site lease practices with two local businesses, the Blue Coffee Pot Restaurant and Roland Navajoland Tours.

The Township has had a long chronological problem with a business site lease agreement between the Township and Ward Inc., owner of the Blue Coffee Pot Restaurant. The Township stated that they have always been more than willing to



The Blue Coffee Pot restaurant does a brisk business five days a week, serving the local people as well as the out of town travelers.

work with the owner of Ward Inc. to come to a mutual agreement on a business site lease that both parties can agree on.

The business lease renewal for Ward, Inc. began in 2000, which in 2005 was relinquish to a new owner. The initial owner did not renew the lease after it was expired with the Navajo Nation in year 1999.

When the new owner took over, the owner requested to renew the business leases with a negotiable lease rate and waivers of all arrearals. The Township advised the new owner that the staff would approach the Township Commission regarding the

rate and waiver. After three meetings with the new owner which ended in September 2005, the Township Staff did not hear from the owner again.

In the Townships opinion, the new owner's used its failure to get the waiver and resorted to delaying tactics and turned this in to a turmoil. The initial owner of the businesses in the past had the same problem with the Navajo Nation and the Nation had to act to vacate the business when the business finally agreed to pay their lease fees, which was in arrear. After its expiration, the Township took over the business site lease.

"We have proposed a number of lease options to Ms. Ward on many occasions, to this date they have yet to come to an agreement. Ms. Ward continues to do business in Kayenta with out a business site lease. Conducting a business without a business site lease is in clear violation of Navajo Nation law as well as Kayenta Township ordinances. The Wards and their attorneys delaying tactics have been ongoing for some time now" said Kayenta Town Manager, Daniel Peaches.

Another local business, Roland Navajoland Tours, which is owned by Roland and Lita Dixon, is in a similar situation with the Township. The Dixon's began their business a number of years ago and worked with the Tuba City RBDO office to get their business going in Kayenta. Their business site lease had gone through all the proper channels for approval and was headed for final approval by the BIA when the owner(s) pulled the business site lease application back before the BIA approved it.

Since then, the owners continued to run their business without a business site lease for a number of years. It was not until recently that they had

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approached the Kayenta Township to negotiate a business site lease, but unfortunately the case was turned over to the Kayenta courts for hearing.

“The two businesses in question owe(d) back lease rent and taxes to the Township; we have tried working with them, as well as to come up with a payment plan. Ward Inc. has paid most back taxes to date but still owes back lease rent. Roland Navajoland Tours owes back lease rent for occupation of business site frontage, and both businesses still do business daily and do not have a business site lease to date. Roland Dixon’s refusal to acquire a lease is an affront to all other businesses.” said Town Manager.

“Many local Kayenta businesses and non-local businesses find this very unfair and we are watching this situation very closely. If we have to pay lease rent and taxes every month, so should they. It’s not fair that they get to collect tax, pocket all the money and basically do business for free while the rest of us business owners have to pay up.” said one local business owner who wished to remain anonymous.

“People should have their lease in hand before they do anything. If you read your lease, everything is right there. If you agree, you agree. If I were in business in Farmington and got behind in my lease rent, they wouldn’t put up with it. I’d be out of business. I have never had any problem with the Township or the Navajo Nation with my business site lease.” said Genevieve Grey, owner of the Golden Sands Restaurant in Kayenta.

Township officials went on to state that, “Some of the issues brought up during the hearing concerning lease rates differing between businesses were inherit by the Township from the Navajo Nation. The Township will eventually negotiate these rates during the renewal of these business site leases after the novation or expiration of lease from the Navajo Nation.”

In Ms. Ward’s statement at the EDC hearing, she stated that community members of Kayenta have no say in Township meetings. She also compared Kayenta to Page, AZ. “Page was once the Rez, and the LeChee Chapter was kicked out and have no say in the development of Page. Maybe this is what the Kayenta Township wants to do with the



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- Local business owner

Kayenta Chapter? We have too many leaders here.” said Ms. Ward. Ward also stated that she was asked to leave a Township meeting because she could not speak Navajo.

The Kayenta Township stated that the Township has monthly meetings that are open to the Public/Community. A Public Notice is posted 72 hours prior to every scheduled meeting, the second Monday of the month. At the meetings, the public are given the opportunity to speak their minds and express their concerns on Township issues. The Township also stated that they have no plans to bypass the Kayenta Chapter out of anything.

As far as Ms. Ward’s statement about being asked to leave a Township meeting because she could not speak Navajo is a false accusation accord

ing to the Township’s Public Relations Office.

“To make a long story short, Ms. Ward addressed the Commission and asked them to speak in terms that everyone could understand. “Not everyone in here is as educated as you commissioners and understands the language you use in these meetings.” said Ms. Ward. Commissioner Jimmy Austin then asked Ms. Ward to translate everything she just stated in Navajo to him. “Navajo is my first language and I understand it better.” said Mr. Austin. Ms. Ward took offense to this statement by Mr. Austin. All Township meetings are documented on audio tape and Ms. Wards accusations of being ask to leave a Township meeting for not speaking Navajo is false.” said Public Relations Officer, Shonie De La Rosa.

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Owner of the Golden Sands Restaurant**



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Lena Clitso, Kayenta Chapter Treasurer/Secretary also testified at the EDC hearings, she did not testify in support of the Township, but against it.

“You wanted to know the relationship between the Township and Chapter, eight years ago it was bad, within the last 4 years the relationship has gotten better, but there is corruption there. The Township is not listening to the voice of the people. This continues, and it is not right for them to not listen to the will of the people. There are falsifications of documents. My question here is, should I fear for my children? There is so much corruption. I’m the Chapter treasurer and secretary, I try to tell the people at our meetings, but I’m told I’m being out of order.

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- Lena Clitso



Where has all the money gone? They are so good at lying. They know how to say the right words, but it doesn’t come from the heart. It’s a conspiracy; they want all the control to themselves. The Township is an illegal government.” said Lena.

Mr. Dempsey of the Navajo Nation EDC asked Lena if she was aware of any audits on the Kayenta Township, in response, Lena stated, “They have had audits, their book keeping is a lot better than the Chapter.” Dempsey also asked Lena if she could provide the committee with the falsified documents. “If these allegations are true, put it on paper and put your name on it. You swore and made an oath to speak here today.” Lena replied, “You need to ask for the documents before they destroy them.”



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-Mr. Dempsey

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-Alyce Yazzie



Ed Whitewater, Record Manager of the Kayenta Township stated, “The Kayenta Township is not an illegal government. All though the Kayenta Township began as a pilot project, the Navajo Nation Council saw the potential of Local Government and passed a resolution giving the Township permanent governmental status within its boundaries and to establish an elected governing board of commissioners to over see the Township. The Township was also given the authority to act as an agent of the Navajo Nation by abiding by Navajo Nation and Federal Laws. This enabled the Township to approve business and home site leases, as well as enacting Township ordinances.” said Township Officials.

Mis-use of funds within the Township is false. “The Township is accountable for all funds, fiscal year budgets are developed and accounting practices are performed according to applicable GAAP standards. The Fiscal Year 2003 Independent Audit does not indicate any misuse of funds.” said Ed.

Kayenta Chapter Official, Alyce Yazzie also testified. “Nearly two-hundred young people graduate from Monument Valley High School every year; many of them leave here to further their education and to make a decent living off the reservation. There are no jobs here for our people to come back to. Economic development and business is the focus of the Kayenta Township, with this concept I hope the Township would create more business so our children can come back to Kayenta to work.” said Alice.

Alyce went further on to say, “The Township and the Chapter have a good relationship. The Township provides money to the Chapter. As leaders we will continue to improve on the government relationship. Businesses who are against the Township are the ones who don’t pay taxes and fees, they should be honest from the start, if they were, we wouldn’t be here right now.”

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Before the EDC hearing broke for lunch, community member, Shirley Descheenie read a letter that was written by her son to the committee. The letter stated that the youth of the community had been wondering when the recreation park was going to be constructed. Since the closure of the Boys and Girls Club and school officials had limited public access to the public schools facilities, the youth of the community had nowhere to go. The letter went on further to state that many of the youth have turned to crime, drugs, and alcohol because of the lack of facilities for the youth to utilize.

The Kayenta Township realizes the need for a recreation park for the community, the park has been on the Capitol Improvement Plan for quite sometime, but acquiring funding for the project has always been a problem. Land has been designated for the park and the Township has been working diligently to seek funding to begin construction. Capital Improvement Projects takes funding; planning and the usual procurement process before a physical construction starts a new project and may take three or more years before project can be visibly seen.



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- Shirley Descheenie

After the lunch break, community member Joe Billy Clitso approached the podium to address the committee about his concerns. “Money is the issue, it’s like that everywhere. Money is the source of evil.” Mr. Clitso went on to say, “My concern is the money issue, is the Township mismanaged? Do they need to be audited? Housing rental is too high in Kayenta, local people are not hired when a job becomes available, and there is too much favoritism.”

“Money and accountability is always concern, the Township is accountable for all finances related to the Township. Housing rental Mr. Clitso is referred to, is the Teeh In Deeh Estates. The Township does not own any housing units in the Township. Also the Kayenta Township has no authority over the Teeh In Deeh Estates. Employment opportunities in Kayenta is the responsibility and judgment of local business, the Township has no say as to who local businesses can and can not hire. As for employment within the Township, the Township seeks qualified individuals to fill its positions and follows Township policies.” said Mr. Peaches



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-Brenda Saggboy

Next to testify was Kayenta Township Finance Manager, Brenda Saggboy. “I made no threats to JoDonna Ward.” stated Brenda to an accusation made by JoDonna Ward. “Funds are used to prepare land for business development as well as many other things. The Township is still in its infancy, it has a long way to go. Our leasing ordinance is work in progress, we have been using it for years, but it needs more work. Our management plan will have to address many concerns so we can develop a fair system for everyone.” said Brenda.

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- Barbara Greyeyes



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Mr. Dempsey asked Brenda about the accusations in reference to the Township paying Chapter officials to attend monthly Township meetings. In response Brenda stated that the Township does not pay Chapter officials for attending Township meetings. “Township Commissioners are the only ones to receive a stipend.” said Brenda.

Mr. Tom Lapahe also asked Brenda, “Where is the fairness in leasing? Yet you state that the leasing ordinance is not complete, why grant leases when you have no leasing procedures in place? Is the Townships authority still in the grey?”

Brenda replied, “Business site leases are negotiated, The Navajo Nation is still the lessor, the Township is simply a designated agent of the Navajo Nation. We need the involvement of Tribal leadership to address many of these issues.”

The Kayenta Township is indeed in its infancy, many other municipalities such as Mesa and Flagstaff for example have Arizona State Statutes to utilize as a foundation to build their local governments on. The Township on the other hand does not have that luxury. The Township is the only municipality of its type on

any Native lands in the United States and Canada. To begin a local government such as the Kayenta Township, the Township has to start from scratch with the guidance and support from entities like the Navajo Nation, the BIA, and other forms of structured government.

“People don’t have a choice to which government they want, surrounding communities do not benefit from Township tax. I heard from the Township that taxes collected in the Township will be spent within the Township. stated Grazing Committee Official, Barbara Greyeyes.

Barbara went on to also state, “The Township approached the Chapter with a ninety-nine year lease (Kayenta Master Lease), and they did not explain it to the people. The Navajo Nation already has a twenty-five year lease; the Township should not be superseding it. The current twenty-five year lease should be for Navajos only; there are too many non-Indian businesses. The Township is in business with white people!”

“Navajo Nation President Shirley vetoed the permanent status of the Kayenta Township, we don’t want a two-headed government.” said Barbara.

Ken Whitehair, a community member of Kayenta gave a lengthy, but informative testimony to the committee. “The Township is a young organization, as seen through its organizational life and organizational behavior. Therefore what is seen is not too surprising. Mostly young staff, terminated executives, some visible achievements, stills the lack of legitimacy from political regimes, and of course controversy. In a sense the Township is looking for an identity. Yet there is plenty of potential. Since the Township is an experiment and a viable organization, time is necessary to monitor and evaluate the experiment.” said Mr. Whitehair.



“The truth is, the Township has a future value. The Township experiment must be allowed to continue.”

- Ken Whitehair

Mr. Whitehair closed his testimony to the committees by making the following closing statement, “Those critical of the Township have not yet seen the true end of the Township. Those individuals display little or no resilience in adapting to the environ-

ment, which is characterized by a global economy. This experiment in local government directly impacts our local economy. Those who have constructed houses, hogans, shade houses, and sweat houses, know that to construct something well is hard work; while to destroy things is real easy. The truth is, the Township has a future value. The Township experiment must be allowed to continue.”

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-Tom Lapahe



EDC Members and Staff

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Mr. Albert Bailey, Kayenta Chapter President gave his testimony to the committee. Mr. Bailey stated that the Chapter and Township have an excellent working relationship and that he worked closely with the Township Commissioners and the staff. He also told the committee about three resolutions that were recently passed on February 20, at the last Chapter meeting. One resolution was the abolishment of the Kayenta Township; another resolution was recommending an investigation into the Kayenta Township, and the last resolution which requested the removal of the Kayenta Township Commissioners. "I appeal to the EDC and request the Township to

make a comprehensive report so we may present this to TCDC." said Mr. Bailey.

The committee showed a strong concern for the recently passed chapter resolutions. "What are you going to do with these resolutions that were passed?" said Mr. Platero. Mr. Bailey replied, "We will be looking for guidance on these resolutions because it is a very sensitive issue." Tom Lapahe stated, "I was there when this idea of a Township was brought to the council. It was a good idea, and it's still a good idea. The only thing I wish for is that the people of this community would come to a compromise."

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RESOLUTION OF THE KAYENTA CHAPTER
KAYENTA, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ABOLISH THE KAYENTA
TOWNSHIP AND TRANSFER ITS TAXING AND AUTHORITIES TO THE
KAYENTA CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

WHERE AS:

1. The Kayenta Chapter is a certified Navajo Nation which addresses needs and concerns of its people, communities, taxpayers, voters and nation, and
2. The Kayenta Township Project was established by the Navajo Nation Council with Chapter support as a pilot project in 1985, with the purpose of expediting business leases and home site lease
3. Since 1985, the Kayenta Township Commission has usurped its authority over the Kayenta Chapter voters. Taxpayers and community without input from the taxpayers and voters; and
4. Contrary to its enabling legislation, the Kayenta Township has failed to implement and adhere to the MOU signed by the Kayenta Chapter and the Kayenta Township; regarding the list of priorities; and
5. The Township Commissioners and its administrative staff are extremely disrespectful, exercise excessive abuse of authority and encroachment of private property and local businesses without due process, creating rules, regulations and ordinances without community input; and
6. There has been continuous conflict between commissioners which resulted in Resolutions placed on the Kayenta Navajo Nation laws; and
7. The Kayenta Township Commission and Kayenta Chapter has failed to inform the Kayenta voters and taxpayers of meetings held off the reservation surrounding towns without the support/approval of voters and taxpayers; and
8. The Kayenta Township Commission has failed to conduct yearly mandated audits for the amount of money required by federal, state, county and tribal dollars, thereby no accountability; and
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RESOLUTION OF THE KAYENTA CHAPTER
KAYENTA, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA
RESOLUTIONS NO: _____

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GOVERNMENT SERVICE COMMITTEE,
ETHIC AND RULES COMMITTEE AND THE SPEAKER OFFICE TO
CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE
KAYENTA TOWNSHIP COMMISSION FOR ETHICS VIOLATIONS AND
OTHER FINDINGS WITH THE INTENT OF IMPLEMENTING A
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

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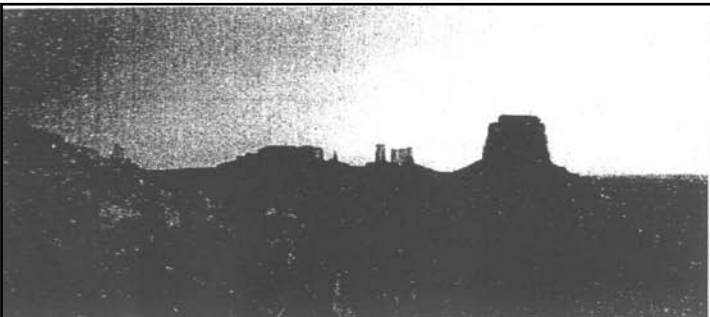
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The three chapter resolutions in question bring many questions forward. One being; do registered chapter and non-registered voters outside of the Township boundaries have the right to vote on a resolution(s) pertaining to Township issues? Is the out come of a vote the true will of all the population with in a community? Or is the out come of a vote justified by the number of people in the group that is for or against an issue? When counting votes, how is a persons vote on an issue considered a legal registered vote?





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The Economic Development Committee (EDC) of the Navajo Nation will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING regarding issues and concerns. This very important meeting is for everyone to attend, come and talk to the EDC about your issues regarding the Kayenta Township February 22 & 23, 2006 (Wednesday & Thursday) @ the Monument Valley High School.

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Second; Can the Kayenta Chapter and Navajo Nation Council legally abolish the Kayenta Township? The Township was given “permanent status” by the Navajo Nation Council. Permanent after all means permanent. For example, if Flagstaff residents were unhappy with their form of local city government, would they be able to approach the Arizona State Government with a resolution to abolish the Flagstaff City Government? Probably not, but the citizens of Flagstaff could recall their elected city officials. After all council members are elected by the public to serve the will of the people. If an elected official(s) does not satisfy the people, the people have the right to a recall or vote for another candidate in the next election.

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Lawrence T. Morgan
Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council

**RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

1. The Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council ("Committee") may conduct public hearings for matters within its oversight. Such hearings shall be open to the public unless the matters are confidential or sensitive in nature.
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4. Individuals wishing to testify shall be sworn in, and formally be sworn in.
5. Members of the Committee may ask questions of those testifying.
6. Testimony shall be relevant to matters under the Committee's consideration, and be on the record. The Chairperson may exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial and repetitious. The Chairperson may also exclude evidence that concerns matters which are in litigation or under grievance.
7. Those testifying may speak on the record for up to twenty (20) minutes. Informal testimony shall not be considered by the Committee.
8. Individuals wishing to submit written materials may submit such materials to the Chairperson at the Hearing, or may submit such materials to the Office of Legislative Services, Council Delegates Office within five (5) days of the conclusion of Hearings. Written materials shall be signed and dated for authenticity purpose.
9. An attorney from the Office of Legislative Counsel shall serve as legal counsel for Hearings. The Legislative Counsel may ask questions of those testifying.
10. The Committee shall prepare written report of the Hearings with findings and recommendations, and forward such reports to the appropriate entities. Such Reports shall be finalized within forty-five (45) days of Hearings.

Hearing set to discuss Kayenta Township's business site leasing

By Brian Hassler
Staff Writer

KAYENTA — The Economic Development Committee has scheduled a hearing today to discuss the Kayenta Township's business site leasing practices, which has drawn complaints from area businesses.

"There are some business entrepreneurs not satisfied with the leasing process. We're going out on behalf of the EDC," said Lawrence Platero, chairman of the committee.

Local business owners in Kayenta have claimed they've been treated

unfairly. The township has responded that these owners haven't paid their taxes.

The township has also undergone changes in its managerial positions.

To address these allegations, a hearing is scheduled to take place at the Monument Valley High School today and Thursday.

"There are some folks that are dissatisfied with what's going on and we've invited everyone to come in," said Platero. "We want to hold it in

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a neutral place so that everyone can speak freely. There are a few people that have voiced their concerns with how the township is running."

Once completed, the committee will present a report and its recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council. The citizens of Kayenta or the officers of the township will be responsible for implementing the recommendations, if any.

"The people have to look at the fact that since (the township) has its authority to run its own, the people in the township are the governing body, just as in any municipality like Gallup," said Platero. "If the mayor of Gallup makes a decision that is wrong, the people do something and it's the same in Kayenta. If the people aren't satisfied with how the township is running, there's a process for them to do

something about it. I'm sure there's lawyers available to show them the procedure and show them what they need to do to file complaints or petitions."

The EDC will also discuss its decision to request a tribal audit money given to the township by the Navajo Nation.

The hearing began this morning at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. at Monument Valley High School, with the same hours scheduled for Thursday as well. The public is invited to attend on both days.

"The township is there for the people and when you have a township not there for the public, it creates a problem there," said Platero.

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Although the hearings brought many concerns to the forefront, there is a concern about how the EDC went about conducting a public hearing about the Kayenta Township. According to the rules and procedures for public hearings held by the Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, the EDC may conduct public hearings for matters within its oversight. Many of the testimonies made during the EDC hearings were in no way pertaining to business development in Kayenta and should be removed from record. Business development on the Navajo Nation is the oversight of the EDC. Their sole purpose is to (taken from EDC website) create an environment that is conducive to promoting and developing businesses in the commercial, tourism, industrial, entrepreneurial, and other sectors of the Navajo Nation economy.



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- Lawrence Platero



In a recent Gallup Independent newspaper article, "Hearing set to discuss Kayenta Township's business site leasing" from February 22, 2006. Mr. Platero stated, "The people have to look at the fact that since the Township has its authority to run its own, the people in the Township are the governing body, just as in any municipality like Gallup" This statement made by Mr. Platero clearly states that the Kayenta Township is a true local government and that the people in the Township are the governing body of their government.

Township Responds to the Resolution “Abolishment of the Kayenta Township”

Responses to allegations made against Kayenta Township and its Commission which was presented and approved by Kayenta Chapter on February 20, 2006.

Whereas:

3. “Since 1985, the Kayenta Township commission has usurped its authority over Kayenta Chapter voters, taxpayers and community in put from the taxpayers and voters”

Answer: This is a very general accusation without proof or substance. For instance, “usurped its authority,” Webster’s Dictionary, 2002 edition defines usurp as “seize and hold by force or without right”. The Township Commission has no police force to do this: therefore the accusation has no basis in fact.

4. “Contrary to its enabling legislation, Kayenta Township has failed to implement and adhere to M.O.U. signed by Kayenta Chapter and Kayenta Township Commission; regarding the list of priorities,”

Answer: This 1999 M.O.U. was designed to establish a working relationship between the chapter and the Township respect to certain projects but the chapter rescinded the M.O.U. by resolution on March 6, 2000. However, Kayenta Township continues to honor those projects by seeking funds for those projects. With respect to the sharing of lease monies, this was not implemented because the chapter was not certified under LGA, nevertheless, the chapter government and the township gov-

ernment continues to have a positive working relationship in the best interest of the community which includes sharing costs on some of the chapter projects, therefore this accusation lacks substance in fact.

5. “The Township Commissioners and its administrative staff are extremely disrespectful, exercise excessive abuse of authority and encroachment of private property and local businesses without due process, creating rules, regulations and ordinances without community input.”

Answer: Again, this is another general accusation without any specific references to an act or action: therefore apparently it is designed just to cast innuendo on the integrity of the township commissioners and staff. Abuse of authority is a judgment call. It has to be investigated to determine its validity, the same with so-called disrespectful action. It’s just an accusation unless substantiated. Navajo Ethics in Government Law can sanction entities that violate the Ethic Laws.

6. “There has been continuous conflict between commissioners which resulted in resolutions placed on KTC agenda in violation of Navajo laws.”

Answer: Again, what conflict? What Law? It needs to be spelled out and what specific laws does it violate? If Navajo law is violated, it has to be reported and if necessary a complaint can be filed in the courts of law.

7. “Kayenta Township Commission

RESOLUTION OF THE KAYENTA CHAPTER KAYENTA, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE NAVAJO NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL
TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO ABOLISH THE KAYENTA
TOWNSHIP AND TRANSFER ITS TAXING AND AUTHORITIES TO THE
KAYENTA CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

WHERE AS:

1. The Kayenta Chapter is a certified and recognized governmental entity of the Navajo Nation which addresses needs and concerns of its people, communities, taxpayers, voters and nation, and
2. The Kayenta Township Project was established by the Navajo Nation Council with Chapter support as a pilot project in 1985, with the purpose of expediting business leases and home site lease, and
3. Since 1985, the Kayenta Township Commission has usurped its authority over the Kayenta Chapter voters. Taxpayers and community without input from the taxpayers and voters; and
4. Contrary to its enabling legislation, the Kayenta Township has failed to implement and adhere to the MOU signed by the Kayenta Chapter and the Kayenta Township; regarding the list of priorities; and
5. The Township Commissioners and its administrative staff are extremely disrespectful, exercise excessive abuse of authority and encroachment of private property and local businesses without due process, creating rules, regulations and ordinances without community input; and
6. There has been continuous conflict between commissioners which resulted in Resolutions placed on the Kayenta Township Commission Agenda in violation of Navajo Nation laws; and
7. The Kayenta Township Commission and Kayenta Chapter has failed to inform the Kayenta voters and taxpayers of meetings held off the reservation surrounding towns without the support/approval of voters and taxpayers; and
8. The Kayenta Township Commission has failed to comply with laws regarding yearly mandated audits for the following year (2000,2001,2002,2003,2004) as required by federal, state, county and tribal laws (Title 26 LGA). This is taxpayers dollars, thereby no accountability; and
9. Kayenta Township Commission failed in their duties and responsibilities regarding the Kayenta Community School, which is located within the Kayenta

and Kayenta Chapter have failed to inform the Kayenta voters and taxpayers of meetings held off the reservation in surrounding towns without the support/approval of voters and taxpayers.”

Answer: Again, where, when were these meetings held off the reservation? There were two meetings held off the reservation; however these meetings were called by chapter officials, not the Township commissioners. All commission meetings are held in Kayenta and the agenda is posted 72 hours prior to the meetings to allow for public notice.

8. “KTC has failed to comply with laws regarding yearly mandated audits for the following year (2000, 2001,2002,2003,2004) as required by federal, state, county and tribal laws (Title 26, LGA). This is taxpayers dollars, thereby no accountability.”

Answer: Kayenta Township fund

audits are required under OMB Circulars pursuant to General Accounting Standards and under the Township’s own ordinances. Township audits are completed up to 2003, 2004 is being completed. The delay is logistical, not any attempt to avoid audits by Kayenta Township.

9. “Kayenta Township Commission failed in their duties and responsibilities regarding the Kayenta Community School, which is located within the Kayenta Township boundaries. Kayenta Chapter passed several resolutions regarding this issue. KTC states they have the authority yet it did nothing.”

Answer: KTC has authority over the site on which the school is located; however KTC has no authority over the administration or the operation of the school which is under the control of the Federal government. To interfere with the school administration or operation would be unwise and a misuse of KTC’s authority.

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POWER OF THE PEOPLE

By Jarvis Williams

In recent events, the township has come under scrutiny and criticism from the various town constituents and business owners about certain actions or inactions by the township. Their voices were heard by the members of the Economic Development Committee of the Navajo Nation. I spent a little bit of time listening to the arguments of both sides and pondered my thoughts about the township itself. Later, I was approached by members of the community and asked to give my perspective of where the township is currently. After pondering my thoughts about the township and where it sits in my mind, this is my conclusion.

In my opinion, the township sets a historical precedent in Native American history for the support of Indian sovereignty. This is truly an instance where Indian people can make their own decision about the direction of their community at the local level. I think this is the most important level that we need to recognize because it is the closest we can get to true sovereignty. Historically, the head man of the Navajo family made the decision about what the family would do and the township is, so far, the closest we can get to that example. People talk about going back to the old ways and the township serves as the bridge to make that reality. For many years, we, as Navajo people have had decisions made at a level where we had almost no control. Now we are working towards legislation that puts power back into the hands of the people. This is definitely a good thing.



However, this can be a negative result when people don't fully understand the importance of power at the local level or when people understand the power at the local level and use to their personal advantage. The question then becomes "how do we keep the power from the people who want to take advantage of the system and educate the ones who do not understand the amount of power that is in their hands?" The answer is that you have no control over what people think, do, and say but we do have some control over what people can understand because we have the ability to learn and teach.

So, it is at this point that we must come together as a community and learn about what local government is and what it can do for us, as a community. We can look at what other communities are doing to make their environment the best it can be for the community members and learn something from them. There will always be positives and negatives about a certain subject, what we need to do is understand what is best for the community and determine what

is the best direction for the community. I don't think there is a single solution that will solve the problems of the township and community but I also think that getting rid of the township is not the solution. There are enough educated people in this community to figure the best direction for the community and that also means that community members also have the opportunity to take an active part in the direction of the community. We must remember that people have the power to make decisions at the local level and that we also must work together to accomplish the best decision for the community, whether it is building a

recreation park or creating laws that protect the community. If we can do that, then the community benefits from the teamwork.

In conclusion, my perspective of the township is to keep it and continue to learn about the importance of local government. I believe that its benefits far outweigh its negatives. We have to understand its impact on Indian sovereignty and its continuing push for self-reliance from big government. The sooner we understand this perspective and embrace our place in it the sooner we will be Navajo again. We must always understand the power of the people.



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10. "Kayenta Chapter resolution #KT03 Requesting the abolishment of Kayenta Township, resolution #KT11-014-99 opposing the increase of township boundaries and resolution #KT08-142-00, requesting investigation of possible frauds in Kayenta Township land withdrawal."

Answer: These resolutions are Kayenta Chapter's requests; however it would be up to the Navajo Nation government to act on these resolutions if warranted.

11. "Requesting to rescind and nullify the Navajo Nation Council Resolution CN-86-85, CJA-3-96 and CN-76-96."

Answer: Again, the Navajo Nation Council would be very irresponsible to take this action in light of its Local Governance Act of 1998. It is contrary to decentralization and local control that the NN Council endorsed in recent years. Local autonomy is the future, not the past.

12. "The Kayenta Community still lack economic development and still has high unemployment."

Answer: This is true; however by abolishing the Township, the local efforts to develop economic self-sufficiency for Kayenta would be lost which will result in centralized planning in Window Rock which can be very time consuming and wasteful.

13. "The Kayenta Township Commissioners have violated the Navajo Nation Human Bills of Rights, which is the law of the land."

Answer: Human rights are destroyed in a society where there is no rule of law, no individual rights, where only those with guns control the population. Navajo people are protected from their government by the Indian Bills of Rights enacted by Congress in 1966, the U.S. Constitution and its Bills of Rights which were conferred on the Indian people in 1924 when American Indians and the women were granted the right to vote and hold offices. Under the U.S. Constitutions, the Indian people have full citizenship rights and guaranteed equal justice under the law.

**Ongoing Activities
March 20, 2006**

Kayenta Township Transfer Station is contracting with local businesses, schools, housing and clinic to pick up trash on a daily basis. All compacted materials are delivered to a landfill near Blanding, Utah using Township truck on a daily basis. The Township need another truck as the present truck is over 5 years old. To finance truck and other equipments (backhoe), the Township must be recognized as a sub-division of the Navajo Nation government by IRS in order to get the necessary financing to capitalize these equipment purchases. This is being requested at this time.

The Kayenta Recreational Park is project that will be developed in phases over the next 10 years. On March 13, 2006, KTC approved \$900,000 in matching fund with HUD-CDBG to start the development of this park.

The KTC master lease, if approved by the BIA in Washington, D.C. will allow for 99 year leases to the local businesses and will encourage more capital investment in our community by the private sector. Navajo Nation administration approved the KTC master lease in 2005.

KTC is working with BIA to improve 2 miles of streets in Kayenta. Most of the surveys and engineering studies are completed. Mr. Bailey who is a member of the WNA Road Committee is very helpful in promoting this project before the Agency Roads Committee.

The Blue Coffee Pot lease is still in progress. The owners have raised the issue of whether or not the Township has leasing authority under the 2003 council action. The owners appear to be engaged in delaying tactics which is not good for the restaurant and the business climate in Kayenta.

Roland Dixon has no lease and they received a court eviction notice from the District Court. A hearing is scheduled in April 2006 on the tax issue.

KTC Plan of Operation (amended) will be presented to the Government Services Committee in April. This will clarify the leasing authority issue.

Kayenta Children & Family Services April 2006 Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

"Keeping Children Safe is a Shared Responsibility"



April 03, 2006- Monday

6:00am

Sunrise Ceremony at Kayenta

DSS Office

April 12, 2006- Wednesday

10am-1pm

Children/ Elderly Easter Egg

Hunt at DSS Office

April 19, 2006 -Wednesday

TBA

Health Fair at Kayenta Boys &

Girls Club

April 26, 2006-Wednesday

5:30pm

Fun Run & Walk, Kayenta

Bashas to Kayenta Chapter

April 28, 2006- Friday

6:30pm- 7:30pm

Closing Candlelight Vigil at

Kayenta Chapter



Tohdenasshai Shelter Home Annual Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale

WHEN: April 1, 2006-Sat.

WHERE: In front of Post Office

WHO: Everyone, anyone

PRICE: \$5.00 a space
\$10.00 for food Sale

This rummage sale will benefit the Tohdenasshai Shelter Home. The shelter is a non- profit organization. Your time and help is appreciated. Thank you.

Returning to Council Fires of Local Governance

By Anthony Peterman

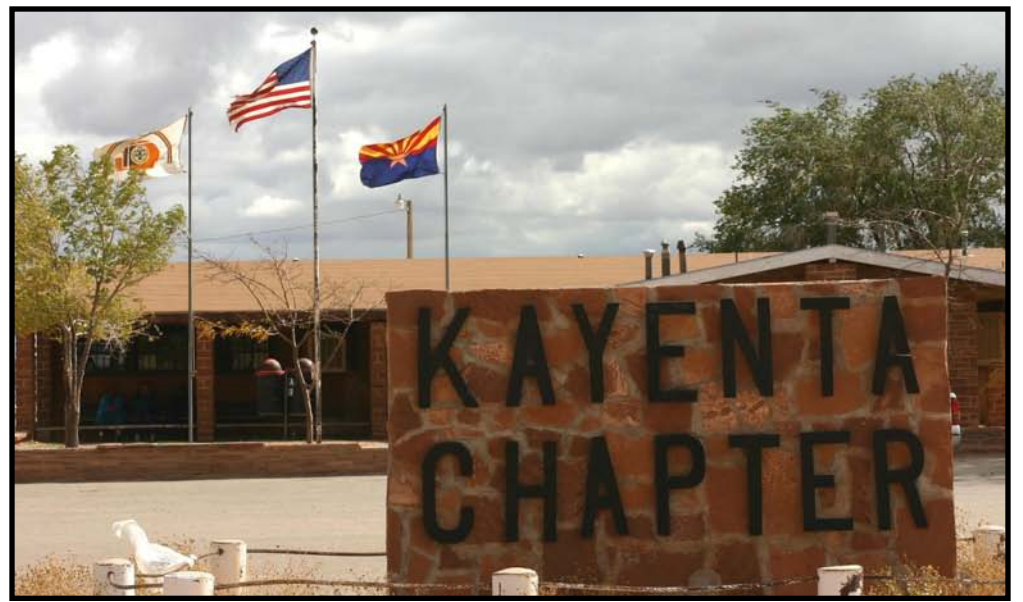
Kayenta Township Commission

The question of Local Governance is once again on the minds of the Navajo People, “What is Local Governance, Home Rule status and what are we doing to make it a reality?”

The idea of Local Governance is not a new concept although many Navajo leaders have pioneered legislation to bring it back to the forefront of our minds. Before the influx of Western Society we as Navajo People conducted our affairs within our local clan system. A Headman chosen from among us would gather us around a fireplace to handle local disputes and together we would make all decisions pertaining to our health and well being without the help or even idea of a central government. This concept of Local Governance was and still is an inherent right of our local communities. Our local affairs have been mismanaged for far too long, first with the BIA system, Which initially sought to destroy our culture and assimilate us and our land into Western Society and now with our own Central Government “trying” to make decision’s for us without the full facts and taking too long to implement any good ideas they may have. The Navajo Nation Council can not “give” us lo



cal governance any more than President Bush can “give” us Sovereignty. So now we find our-selves caught between two worlds with the creation of a government system established after that of the U.S. Government and our own Cultural beliefs and inherent rights. In an honest effort to merge our two cultures for the benefit of our people, new legislation has been passed, which we call “Home Rule”. Home Rule is a phrase taken from the Western Government System but drafted with our Cultural beliefs and inherent rights in mind. The Meat and Potatoes of this “Home Rule” law has yet to be established leaving many unanswered questions as to how it will be implemented. Who better to tackle these questions than the local governments who will be following this rule of law? This is where the Kayenta Township Commission and the certified local Chapter’s come into play. A central government system cannot effectively see to the many diversified challenges of our local needs. As the Kayenta Township moves forward with the implementation of these concepts we are faced with many challenges and differing views of public opinion.



As the Vice-Chairman of the Kayenta Township Commission I am relieved that so many voices of concern are making themselves known and I welcome each and every comment. To me this is validation that the Council Fires of Local Governance are burning bright, a giant has awakened. With this awakening has come great concern, making its way through various Council Committees, the Presidents Office and even on to State Representatives and Senators. To each of these leaders, I would simply ask for your patience as we work to stabilize this great effort.

As the Kayenta Township has progressed, few citizens have questioned our efforts or added any insight as to how we should draft our governing policies. It was not until we began to implement these policies that our local community became aware of how these Policies would affect their lives.

I recall during my “campaign” for Kayenta Township Commission that

not once did any community member ask for my goals and objectives. I wondered how they would be able to know if I was doing a good job for them or not. With this great awakening, I doubt that anyone running for Commission this year or any other year will have that luxury again. It is important that the community continue to ask questions and raise concerns; this helps us as leaders to conduct good government. I pray that each community member will pay greater attention to those we vote into office and get commitments from each of them as too how we want them to represent us.

As we move forward with the answers to the many questions that face us as Navajo People let us not forget the collective voice of our local governments.

Disputes will always arise and we will always face challenges and disagreements as community members, the local forms of government with their majority rule concept is the proper place for these resolutions.



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By Rocy Tano

Neither will the Kayenta Township be in full swing, with every gear perfectly churning in a seamless fashion after only being granted “Official” status as of Summer 2004. How could the Kayenta Township, in all its municipal responsibilities, possibly be on the final top tier after building for only a few years?

There is no room for speculation when it comes to the adversities the Township has had to endure, because there have been many. Unfortunately, it is speculation that appears to serve as the main undertone behind the irrational lashings against the Township and its associates. What is the real justification for the Township’s “failure” to serve the public, if any? In its existence thus far, what is the satisfying number, result, or outcome that many of Kayenta’s opposing community expects to experience? Furthermore, where in the world can a community similar in comparison to Kayenta’s economy, infrastructure and culture, be found to gauge progress against?

Let us remember the unprecedented statements issued in 1999 by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, stating “[Kayenta] The only Township government located on an Indian reservation in the United States.” Such an achievement has been established by no simple task alone! Again, the question remains by what measure or standard can opposition be justified which are cast to demerit the nature of the Township’s purpose and progress thus far?

Perhaps a few misconceptions or myths regarding the Township and its mode of operations can be denounced. First of all, there’s the argument of the financial orchestration of the Township, right? We’ve heard the questions generated in the grocery store, laundry mats, and other venues throughout the community centered around the question, “Where is all our tax money going?” It would be safe to say that such a questioning requires proper explanations. Let us take a look for a moment at the basic definition as to what a given communities’ tax revenue is to be used for. It’s simple, it is collected revenue that is managed in a fashion that creates more suitable negotiating opportunities for projects.

In Kayenta for example, the generated sales tax is carefully allocated in various settings, making Kayenta a serious contender in transactions that will allow other financial entities to engage in the establishment of a given project. Even if every single dollar was saved throughout a given year, Kayenta would only the budget for one major project. So, the fallacy tends to waft throughout the community is that the Kayenta Township has some hidden treasure, or pot of gold stashed within the confines of its building that is just going to waste and not utilized as it should.

The truth is, it takes money for any community to operate. And with every great need in the respected communities throughout the reservation, the unfortunate truth is that there still

wouldn’t be enough revenue for each concern to be rectified on the basis of operating on sales tax alone. Other outside resources must be tapped into and collaborated with in order to accomplish the projects that are at the forefront of Kayenta’s community. Matched funds, particular bonds, and other negotiations will not be considered without a solid financial foundation and this is where the Kayenta Township advocates for its community. The bottom line is that the Kayenta Township is closely monitored and if it weren’t for its firm financial program in place the Township would’ve been history by now.

With a precise code of compliance that must be maintained by the Township, there are also responsibilities placed upon the businesses that reside within the community that must reflect appropriate conduct to the laws and ordinances, as would be expected of ANY business off the reservation. The penalties for first time or perpetual offenders are issued in the form of fines or other distinguished revokements to ensure fairness to all business owners. With a new system of local governance in place, perhaps it will take time to understand the precepts that accompany it. The important thing to keep in mind is that if Kayenta is to flourish, what can be pursued individually to enhance the relationship and growth of this beloved town. The following suggestions were designed to offer a more realistic approach in light of the future of Kayenta, if we as a people are to survive the future.

One of the greatest fallacies possessed by certain bureaucracies in Window Rock (a.k.a Big Brother) is that they can dangle the carrot of “official status” in the face of Kayenta and swipe it away once Kayenta makes substantial progress. Help us, do not hinder us! Better yet, support our people, our nation, and our future!

If the Township concept isn’t working, why not (those who oppose) direct your energy and displeasure towards generating a better more effective plan for our community? Instead, the cowardly approach that is rendered is to find every fault and capitalize on what is figured to be pot holes in the system, which by the way was established to facilitate growth for Kayenta in the first place.

If we, as a people, are to be taken seriously in the eyes of the world, then we must unite together and offer our talents and abilities to establish the respect that is required for our children to enjoy now and in the future. Let us not fall into the saddening parable of the “Crabs in the bucket” - while one crab truly makes an effort to succeed, the others pull him down because they refuse to see success among their own!

We need to take a step back and analyze how each of our efforts are being utilized, whether they are for the progress of our people or to their eventual dismay.

Are you really helping the situation?



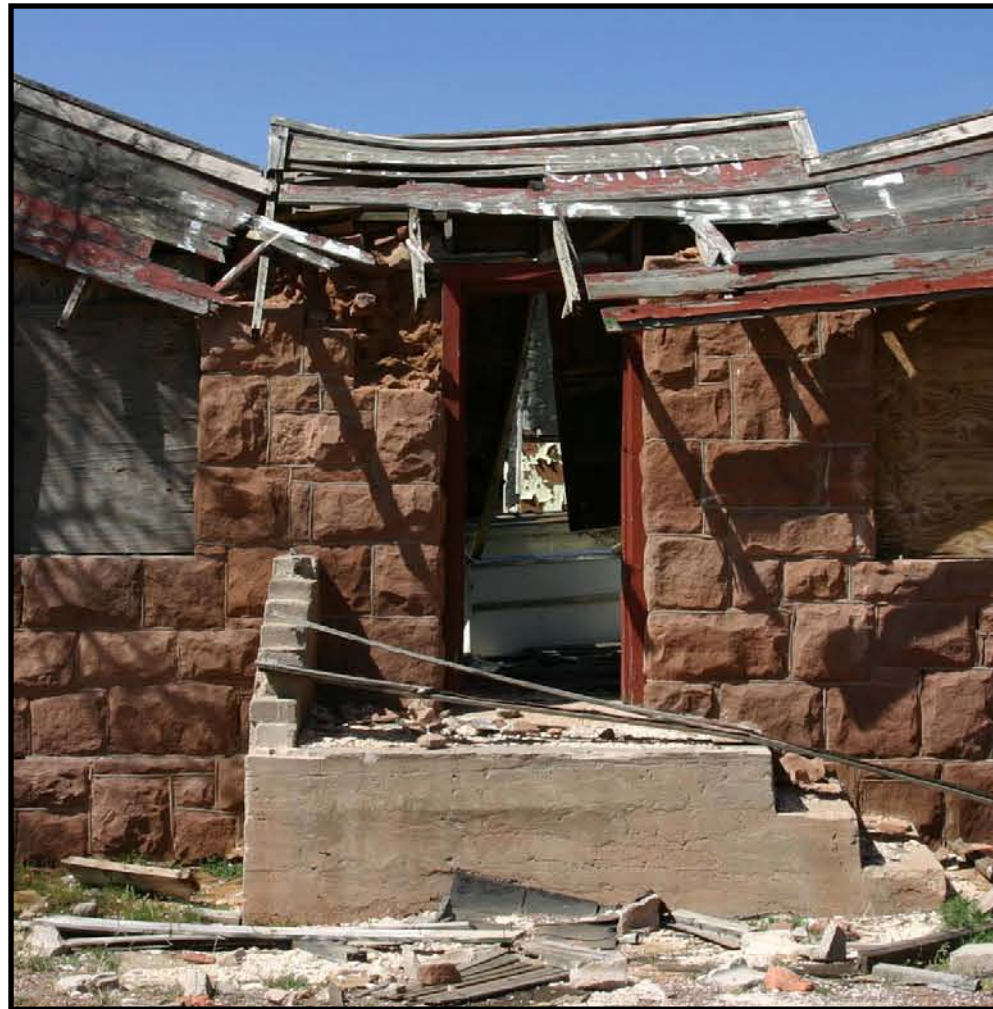
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in the trailer house, your equity is \$2,000. By lending some of its money to you, the bank also acquired some claim or equity rights to your trailer. Your obligation to repay the debt is the bank's equity. The trailer house has a title but the bank will hold the title as security until your debt is paid off. You can acquire the entire equity (\$22,500.) in the trailer home only by repaying your liability to the bank (\$20,500.)

In the American way of life (not yours), all property is owned by someone, either an individual, a group of persons, a business, or some other type of organization. Ownership is represented by equities, which are claims that derive from a fundamental concept: the right to enjoy the benefits of private property. Because you live on the reservation, you have two fundamental problems with your home site lease. 1.) The government owns your home site lease. 2.) The price of your home site lease is very very cheap. Because the worth of your home site lease is only one dollar (\$1.00) a year for sixty-five (65) years, who's going to purchase your home site lease? If you tell me that you'll sell me your home site lease for \$5,000.00, I'll simply go down the street and get my own home site lease for one dollar a year for sixty-five years. If you can do it, so can I. Because no one will probably ever purchase your trailer home, there is no sense in creating a front yard. The only reason I'd ever have a cemented drive-way and a nice landscaped front yard is because I intend to sell the trailer house or I want to keep the property value up high.

Presently, reservation trailer homes have a few flag stones leading up to the front door, and why not? You have no equity in the land that the trailer house sits upon. So when it's raining, you want to drive up as close to the front door as you can and step out on the flagstones so you don't track mud inside. After all, you have some equity in the trailer house.

Business site leases are different from home site leases because business site leases have value. Business site leases are appraised and given a



dollar value on its potential to make capital (money). In an economic sense, capital doesn't mean money.

Money by itself isn't productive; it becomes productive only when it is used to purchase other economic resources. A million dollars stacked in a bank vault produces no new goods or services. Money is transformed into productive resources when it's used to purchase a business site for a convenience store (land) or a drill press (capital) which produces goods, or when it's used to hire workers and managers (labor) to staff a new store, which sells goods. When capital goods are acquired, someone must supply the money to pay for them. The bank expects to be compensated for tying up their funds instead of using them themselves. Whenever a business obtains a bank loan to purchase a new computer, the bank charges interest on the money it provides. Interest, then, is the price of capital.

Looking at a totally different concept of property laws on the reservation is the Thunderbird Lodge at Chinle, Arizona. The Thunderbird lodge is owned by the National Park Service (NPS) and like all NPS properties at the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, or Walweap; the Thunderbird Lodge pays

a Possessory Interest Tax (PIT) because it is on federal land. (A Property Tax if it was on its own land). cause it is on federal land. (A Property Tax if it was on its own land).

Navajo Business site leases also pay a PIT to the NN government. Presently, the Thunderbird Lodge is for sale and the value of the property is somewhere between six to seven million dollars.

As a tribe, we need to remove the shackles of the BIA on leases and reform them so that individual families and members of our tribe can create capital from their land lease holdings. Land resources include all the natural resources occurring on, in, and under the earth's surface, such as timber, petroleum, water, iron ore, sand, and gravel. Some, such as petroleum, coal, and natural gas deposits, may run out in the next few decades, but others such as air and water, may last almost indefinitely. Since land resources are limited, choices must be made as to how they will be used.

Should crops be planted, or should a factory be built? Perhaps a shopping mall should be constructed or a forest planned for future generations. Someone must make these choices – usually business owners or managers, within guidelines set by govern

ment agencies. Usually a local government because its people feel they have a say in the local government than in the state, tribal or federal government.

The theory underlying taxation is simple enough. The government uses its power to tax in order to have funds to spend on essential goods and services. Looking at the Page Telephone Directory under both City services (funded by Sales Taxes) and County services (funded by Possessory Interest Taxes), City Services are: Page Airport, Ambulance emergency, Building Safety Inspector, Water-Sewer billing, Fire Department, Magistrate Court, Page Electric Utility, Police Department, Public Works, and Recreation Department. County Services are: Community Services (Emergency and Home Care), Health Services, Justice of the Peace, Probation Department – Juvenile, and the Sheriff's Department. Look at the listings under the Navajo Nation Telephone Directory and you'll notice under Window Rock, over 100 federally funded projects. What bothers me is that my own tribal government is always talking about self-determination and economic self-sufficiency while headed headlong into more economic dependency.



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